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PROCEEDINGS

OF A

CONVENTION OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS,

HELD IN

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA,

ON

Monday, the 28th day of June, A. D. 1847,

FOR THE PURPOSE OF

REVIVING AND RE-ORGANIZING THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

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PROCEEDINGS, &c.

The Convention met in the Hall of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, on Monday, June 28th, A. D. 1847, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and organized by appointing M. E. Companion Lewis Bond, President, and Companion Lewis C. Pender, Secretary.

The credentials of the Delegates were then submitted, and M. E: Companion
Alfred Martin, and
Companions P. W. Fanning, Alex'r. McRae, and
Thos. W. Brown, reported as regularly authorized Delegates from Concord Chapter, No. 1, Wilmington.

M. E. Companion Lewis Bond, and Companion Lewis C. Pender, from Concord Chapter, No. 5, Tarboro', and
Companions W. L. Long, F. S. Marshall, and Chas. N. Webb, from Roanoke Chapter, No. 4, Halifax.

DELEGATES PRESENT:

M. E. Companion Lewis Bond,
" " Alfred Martin,
Companions P. W. Fanning,
Thos. W. Brown,
Wm. L. Long,
F. S. Marshall,
Chas. N. Webb, and
Lewis C. Pender.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were offered by Companion P. W. Fanning, and adopted:

WHEREAS, various and peculiar circumstances have caused a suspension of the regular convocations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina for several years, the surviving Chapters of the State, for the purpose of correcting any irregularities consequent upon such suspension, have appointed Delegates, with full powers to revive and re-organize said Grand Royal Arch Chapter; and said Delegates having now met in Convention, and being duly organized, therefore

Resolved, That it is expedient to revive the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina, in accord-

ance with the wishes of the surviving Chapters here represented; and

Resolved further, That the President appoint a committee of three, consisting of one delegate from each chapter here represented, to revise and amend the Grand Royal Arch Constitution of the State, making it conform in every particular to the existing Constitution of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and to prepare By-Laws for the government of the said Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Whereupon, the President appointed M. E. Companion A. Martin, of Concord Chapter, No. 1, Wilmington, Companions Lewis C. Pender, of Concord Chapter, No. 5, Tarboro', and Wm. L. Long, of Roanoke Chapter, No. 1, Halifax, to compose said committee, and on motion, the President was added to the committee. The following rules of order were then adopted for the government ot this convention:

1. The President shall put all questions which are moved and seconded, decide all rules of order, and in case of dissatisfaction, appeal may be had to a majority of the House, and should there be a tie, he shall then be entitled to a casting vote.

2. All questions shall be decided by a majority, each delegation being entitled to three votes.

3. Any subject may be reconsidered, and upon motion made and seconded, a majority concurring therewith.

On motion, the convention adjourned to meet again this evening at 8 o'clock.

MONDAY EVENING, 28TH JUNE, A. D. 1847.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment.

DELEGATES PRESENT:

M. E. Companion Lewis Bond,
" " A. Martin,
" P. W. Fanning,
" A. McRae,
" T. W. Brown,
" W. L. Long,

" F. S. Marshall,
" Chas. N. Webb,
" Lewis C. Pender.

The convention was called to order; it was on motion

Resolved, That the President appoint an engrossing committee of three to prepare the proceedings of this convention for publication, and that two hundred copies of the same be printed.

The President appointed on that committee M. E. Companion A. Martin, Companions P. W. Fanning and T. W. Brown.

The committee appointed to revise and amend the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State made their report, which, on motion, was received; and the Constitution and By-laws reported by them unanimously adopted.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the fees charged by the subordinate Chapters in this State for the several degrees authorized by their Charters, shall not be less than Twenty dollars, which sum shall invariably be enclosed in the candidate's petition.

On motion, the convention proceeded to the election of the Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State, which resulted in the election of

M. E. Comp'n Alfred Martin, Grand H. P.
Companion Chas. N. Webb, Grand K.
" A. P. Repiton, Grand S.
" Thos. W. Brown, Grand Treasurer.
" Lewis C. Pender, Grand Secretary.

The convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 29TH, A. D. 1847.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment.

DELEGATES PRESENT:

M. E. Companion Lewis Bond,
M. E. Companion A. Martin,
Companion P. W. Fanning,
" T. W. Brown,

" Wm. L. Long,
" C. N. Webb,
" F. S. Marshall,
" Lewis C. Pender.

The proceedings of the convention were read and approved.

On motion, the convention proceeded to the election of the remaining three Officers, which resulted in the choice of

Comp'n Isaac Northrop, Deputy G. H. P.
Rev. Comp'n Thos. G. Lowe, G. Chaplain.
Comp'n J. T. Miller, G. Marshal.

The convention then adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 29TH, A. D., 1847.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment.

DELEGATES PRESENT:

M. E. Companion Lewis Bond,
" " A. Martin,
Companions P. W. Fanning,
T. W. Brown,
Wm. L. Long,
Chas. N. Webb,
F. S. Marshall,
Lewis C. Pender.

The proceedings of this morning being read and approved, the convention appointed Past H. P. P. W. Fanning to install the Officers elect of the Grand Chapter, and then took a recess of two hours for the purpose of opening the Grand Chapter, and installing the Officers. After the installation, the convention met agreeably to adjournment.

The following resolution was offered and adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention be and they are hereby tendered to the President and secretary, for the very able and satisfactory manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices.

The convention having finished all the business brought before it, and fulfilled all the duties of its appointment, on motion, adjourned, *sine die*.

LEWIS C. PENDER, *Secretary*.

WILMINGTON, N. C., JUNE 29TH, 1847, A. L., 5847.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of the State of North Carolina, convened in the Hall of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, Wilmington, on Tuesday the 29th day June, A. D., 1847.

PRESENT:

M. E. Comp'n P. W. Fanning, G. H. P., P. T.
" F. S. Marshall, G. K., P. T.
" W. L. Long, G. S., P. T.
" Lewis Bond, G. C. H., P. T.
" Chas. N. Webb, G. P. S., P. T.
" I. Northrop, G. R. A. C., P. T.
" A. Martin, G. M. 3D V., P. T.
" A. P. Repiton, G. M. 2D V., P. T.
" T. W. Brown, G. M. 1ST. V., P. T.
" J. Banks, G. T.

The Grand Chapter being opened in solemn form, M. E. Companion P. W. Fanning proceeded to install M. E. Companion A. Martin, Grand High Priest, elect, who then took the chair, and installed the following Grand Officers:

Companion I. Northrop, D. G. H. P.
" Chas. N. Webb, G. K.
" A. P. Repiton, G. S.
" T. W. Brown, G. T.
" Lewis C. Pender, G. S.
Rev'd. " Thos. G. Lowe, G. C. by proxy.
" J. T. Miller, G. M. " "

The following Resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the M. E. G. High Priest, on application, be authorized to revive any dormant Chapter in this State, provided that in his opinion the interest of Royal Arch Masonry will be thereby promoted, requiring from each Chapter so revived the payment of the sum of Fifteen Dollars, and that he be authorized to appoint a deputy to inquire into the condition of dormant Chapters making such application.

Resolved, That the M. E. G. High Priest, make inquiry, and endeavor to get possession of the Furniture, Books, Papers, and Funds belonging to the Grand Chapter at the time of its suspension; and that any expense that may be thereby incurred, be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the Chapters subordinate to this Grand

Chapter, be required to pay over to the G. Treasurer the amount of their Tax for one year in advance.

The Grand Chapter then called from labor to refreshment until 8 o'clock, this evening, when it again called on, and no further business being brought before it, it was then closed in solemn form.

LEWIS C. PENDER, *G. Secretary.*

THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CONSTITUTION

FOR THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE 1.

The Grand Chapter shall consist of a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Marshal; and likewise of the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes for the time being of the subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, and the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of said Grand Chapter, and the said enumerated officers, or their proxies, shall be the only members and voters in said Grand Chapter: provided, that in all cases where the number of votes shall be equal, the Grand High Priest shall have two votes, otherwise he shall have but one, and no Companion can represent more than one Chapter at the same time, and no proxy shall be recognized unless he be a member of the Chapter he represents.

ARTICLE 2.

The Grand Chapter shall meet annually on the second Monday in June, in the town of Wilmington, N. C., until its convocation in June, A. D. 1851, at which time a convention shall be called to determine as to the expediency of

continuing its convocations in that place, or holding them at some place which may have become more central by the establishment of subordinate Chapters in other parts of the State. And the M. E. High Priest shall govern and preside over this Grand Chapter when present, and in his absence, the Deputy Grand High Priest, King or Scribe, shall preside, taking precedence according to rank. The Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest respectively may call special meetings, to be holden at such time and place as they shall severally think proper to appoint.

ARTICLE 3.

The Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be chosen by ballot, at each annual convocation in June, and in case the regular convocation should, by any casualty, not be held, the Grand officers shall sustain their respective offices until successors are duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 4.

Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodge of Mark Master Masons within this State, shall have a warrant of Constitution from the Grand Chapter under the seal thereof, and under the sign manual of its Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest, King, and Scribe, and attested by its Secretary, or Letters of Dispensation from the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest; and no Chapter or Lodge shall be deemed legal without such warrant or Letters of Dispensation. And the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, severally, shall have power and authority, whenever they shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to grant letters of Dispensation, under their respective hands and private seals, to a competent number of petitioners possessing the qualifications required by the 9th section of the 2d article of the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodge of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, for a certain specified time. *Provided*, that the said term of time shall not extend beyond the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter, and *provided further*, that the same fees as are hereinafter required for a warrant of Constitution shall have been deposited with the Grand Treasurer. And in all cases of such Dispensation, the officer granting the same, shall make report thereof to the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter, when the Grand

Chapter may either continue or recall such Dispensation; or grant the petitioners a warrant of Constitution, in which latter event, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same. But if a warrant shall not be granted, nor the Dispensation continued, the said fees shall be refunded to the petitioners, except such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by reason of their application.

ARTICLE 5.

Upon every application for a warrant or Charter from this Grand Chapter, to constitute a new Chapter, there shall be advanced and paid to the Grand Treasurer, the sum of Fifty Dollars before said warrant or charter shall be issued, whereof the Grand Secretary shall receive Ten Dollars by way of compensation for furnishing parchment for said Charter or Warrant, and having the same elegantly printed.

ARTICLE 6.

The several subordinate Chapters in this State, shall each pay to this Grand Chapter the sum of Fifteen Dollars annually.

ARTICLE 7.

No Warrant for the institution of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons; which petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Chapter nearest the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character of the petitioners, and recommending to the Grand Chapter to grant their prayer.

ARTICLE 8.

The Grand Secretary of this Chapter shall make an annual communication to each of the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Chapters working under the authority of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; and also the General Grand Secretary, containing a list of the Grand officers, and all such other matters as may be deemed necessary or useful, for the mutual information of said Grand Chapters. And the said Grand Secratary shall also regularly transmit to the General Grand Secretary a copy of the By-laws and regulations of this Grand Chapter, with the amendments thereto.

ARTICLE 9.

The Secretaries of the several subordinate Chapters and Lodges shall make report to the Grand Chapter at its annual meeting, of all such advancements, exaltations, suspensions, expulsions, deaths, or resignations, as may have taken place in his Chapter during the year, and shall at the same time transmit the annual dues, with a list of officers and members.

ARTICLE 10.

No subordinate Chapter shall confer any degree but upon application made in writing filed at a regular communication, unless in cases of emergency, so deemed by a majority of the members present; and upon ballot, if two black balls appear upon two trials, the prayer of the petitioner is rejected. Should only one black ball appear and no satisfactory reasons be given to the Chapter, the degrees shall be conferred and the candidate become a member thereof upon signing the By-laws.

ARTICLE 11.

Any member of a subordinate Chapter dissatisfied with a decision thereof, may appeal to the Grand Chapter, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of such Chapter to transmit to the Grand Chapter at its next convocation, an official statement of the proceedings had thereon, countersigned by the High Priest or presiding officer.

ARTICLE 12.

No officer of this Grand Chapter shall hold an office in any subordinate Chapter, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 13.

Whenever there shall be a dissolution of any of the Chapters under this jurisdiction, or whenever any such Chapter shall incur a forfeiture of its charter; in either of those cases the funds and furniture at that time belonging to such Chapter, shall become, and they are hereby declared to be the property of this Grand Chapter; and the Grand officers, or any one of them may demand, recover and take possession thereof for the benefit of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 14.

This Grand Chapter shall have power from time to time to pass all such By-laws resolutions and edicts, and do all

other matters and things for the government of itself and the general good of Masonry as may be deemed expedient.

ARTICLE 15.

This constitution may be altered or amended at any convention called by a majority of the subordinate Chapters working under this jurisdiction, with the approbation of two-thirds of the voters present, and not otherwise.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE 1.

It shall be the duty of the several officers of the Grand Chapter to attend the stated meetings thereof, either in person or by proxy.

ARTICLE 2.

The Grand High Priest, or in his absence, the senior officer present, shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Grand Chapter stands adjourned, and shall immediately upon the appearance of a quorum, open the Grand Chapter in due form.

ARTICLE 3.

At every sitting of each annual convention of the Grand Chapter, the minutes of the preceding sitting shall be read, and if requisite, corrected.

ARTICLE 4.

It shall be the duty of the presiding officer at all times to preserve order, and to endeavor to conduct all business before the Grand Chapter, to a speedy and proper result.

ARTICLE 5.

The presiding officer may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Grand Chapter by any member seconded.

ARTICLE 6.

Business left unfinished at the last sitting is ordinarily to be taken up first.

ARTICLE 7.

A motion made, must be seconded and afterwards repeated by the presiding officer, or read aloud before it is debated; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the presiding officer or any member require it.

ARTICLE 8.

Any member who shall have made a motion may withdraw it with the consent of his second, before any debate has taken place thereon, but not afterwards without the permission of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 9.

On questions of order, postponement or commitment, no member shall speak more than once; on all other questions, except adjournment, on which no discussion will be allowed, each member may speak twice but not oftener, without the express permission of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 10.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to amend it, to commit it, to postpone it, or lay it on the table.

ARTICLE 11.

An amendment may be made on any motion, and shall be decided before the original motion.

ARTICLE 12.

If a motion under debate contain several parts, any member seconded, may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

ARTICLE 13.

A question shall not be again called up or re-considered at the same meeting of the Grand Chapter at which it has been decided except by the consent of two-thirds of the members present, and unless the motion to reconsider be made by a member who voted with the majority.

ARTICLE 14.

Every member when speaking shall rise and respectfully address the chair, and shall treat his fellow-members with decorum and respect.

ARTICLE 15.

No speaker shall be interrupted unless he be out of order, or for the purpose of correcting mistakes or misrepresentations.

ARTICLE 16.

If more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide which shall first be heard.

ARTICLE 17.

If any member act in any respect in a disorderly manner, it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the presiding officer, to call him to order.

ARTICLE 18.

If any member consider himself aggrieved by the decision of the Grand High Priest or other officer presiding for the time being, it shall be his privilege to appeal to the Grand Chapter, and the question on such decision shall be taken without debate.

ARTICLE 19.

All committes shall be appointed by the presiding officer for the time being, except when otherwise directed by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 20.

The person first named on any committee shall be considered the chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to convene the committee, and in case of his absence or inability to act, the second named member shall take his place and perform his duties.

ARTICLE 21.

The yeas and nays shall not be recorded unless it be required by one-third of the members present.

ARTICLE 22.

No member shall retire from the room while the Grand Chapter is sitting without the permission of the presiding officer, nor return home without the consent of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 23.

Visiting companions shall not vote on any question or

petition before the Grand Chapter, but may be heard in debate, with the consent of a majority of the members present.

ARTICLE 24.

The Grand High Priest, or in case of his death or resignation, the Deputy Grand High Priest, shall be authorized at all times to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for any sums of money that shall be necessary to defray the expenses which may be incurred by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 25.

The Grand Treasurer shall deliver to the Standing committee, immediately preceding the annual election of officers, a statement of all accounts, and of the funds of the Grand Chapter, and also of all delinquencies.

ARTICLE 26.

All subjects on which questions ane to be taken (except such as are especially provided for) shall be decided by a majority, and in case of an equal number of votes, the motion, question or resolution shall be considered as lost.

ARTICLE 27.

Tne Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, shall form a Standing committee, any two of whom may act, whose duty it shall be to adjust all claims against the Grand Chaptor, to examine the Treasurer's Books and accounts annually, and at every election of officers to report to the Grand Chapter the state of the funds; to which committee all applications for charity shall be referred; and for that purpose the said committee shall have authority to draw on the Grand Treasurer.

ARTICLE 28.

The members of the Grand Chapter shall at every meeting appear in Royal Arch sashes and aprons.

ARTICLE 29.

Those persons officiating as Grand Tyler and Grand Steward shall receive One Dollar each for every sitting of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 30.

The Grand Secretary, in addition to the duties prescribed in the 9th article of the constitution of this Grand Chapter, shall transmit to each member, aunually, a copy of the

proceedings, for which service he shall receive the sum of Ten Dollars per annnm.

ARTICLE 31.

The By-laws shall be read at the commencement of every meeting.

ARTICLE 32.

There shall be no alteration or amendment to these By-laws, except with the concurrencc of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

An act to incorporate "The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina."

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the officers and members which at present are, or hereafter may compose the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, are hereby constituted, and declared to be a body politic, by the name and style of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina; and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, acquire and hold, alien and transfer property, and pass all such rules, regulations and by-laws as shall not be inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this State.

Read three times and ratified in General Assembly, this 10th day of January, 1829.

See chapter 133 Private Laws of N.C. 1854-'55, second act of incorporation

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION

IN

WILMINGTON, N. C.,

ON

MONDAY TWELFTH DAY OF JUNE,

A. L. 5748, R. A. M. 2378, A. D. 1848.

WILMINGTON:

STRINGER'S JOB PRESS, SOUTH WATER STREET.

1848.

PROCEEDINGS OF

The second Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, begun and held in the Hall of St. John's Lodge No. 1, *in Wilmington on Monday the* 12*th day of June, A. L.* 5848, *R. A. M.* 2378.

PRESENT:

M. E. Alfred Martin,	G. H. Priest,
M. E. Isaac Northrop,	D. G. H. P.,
M. E. Lewis Bond,	G. K., p. t.
" A. P. Repiton,	G. S.,
" T. W. Brown,	G. T.
" Lewis C. Pender,	G. S.
" D. McMillan,	G. M., p. t.
" Wm. G. Hill,	G. C. H., p. t.
" L. R. Loftin,	G. P. S., p. t.
" G. W. Wallace,	G. R. A. C., p. t.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. M. 3 Veil, p. t.
" P. W. Fanning,	" " 2 " p. t.
" T. Burr, Jr.,	" " 1 " p. t:
" Thos. Marshall,	" T., p. t.

And the Representatives from the following Subordinate Chapters.

Concord Chapter No. 1, P. W. Fanning, R. G. Rankin, and Wm. W. Harriss,

Concord Chapter No. 5, Lewis Bond,

Raleigh Chapter No. 10, Wm. G. Hill,

Union Chapter No. 17, Under Dispensation, L. R. Loftin, and G. W. Wallace.

The Grand Chapter was then opened in solemn form.

Visiters.—Companions J. A. Taylor, S. Teller, E. Wolf H. Royal, G. Pollock, and T. Burr, Jr.

The following standing Committees were then appointed by the M. E. G. H. P.

On Credentials.—Companions Hill, and Bond.

On Accounts.—Companions McMillan, and Rankin.

On Returns from Subordinate Chapters.—Companions Fanning, Rankin and Hill.

On Foreign Communications.—Coms. Fanning, Rankin, and Hill.

On Dispensations.—Com. McMillan, Fanning and Rankin.

On Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters.—Com. Fanning, and Harriss.

The Grand Chapter, was then called off until 3 P. M.

Three o'clock, P. M.

The M. E. Grand Chapter resumed labor. Com. Hill, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following Report:

The Committee appointed to examine the Credentials of Delegates, have performed that duty, and beg leave to report, that the Credentials from the following Chapters, were examined and found correct.

Delegates.

From Concord Chapter No. 1, Wilmington, Coms. P. W. Fanning, R. G. Rankin, W. W. Harriss. Concord Chapter No. 5, Tarboro, Com. Lewis Bond. Raleigh Chapter No. 10, Raleigh, Com. Wm. G. Hill.

Respectfully submitted.

Wm. G. Hill, Chairman.

Com. Fanning, moved, that the reading of the By-Laws be dispensed with—each member being in possession of a copy, which was unanimously adopted.

The M. E. G. H. Priest submitted the following Annual Report:

To the M. E. G. Chapter of North Carolina,

COMPANIONS,

It is with no ordinary emotions of pleasure, that I find myself permitted to greet you on this occasion.

Twelve months have not yet passed away, since a small number of Companions assembled in this Hall, and their zeal for the interest and prosperity of the Order, was then manifested in a determination to devote every energy of mind and body to the great work of re-building the Temple of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of North Carolina. And like the remnant of the tribes of Israel on their return from Babylon; though they might weep over the dessolation that sat brooding upon the broken altars of their beloved Institution, were nevertheless resolved that the object of their fondest hopes should yet be accomplished. And I am truly happy to find its foundation at least, so nearly completed, as to inspire us with a reasonable hope that ere long the diffusive influence of its pure and sublime principals may reach the utmost bounds of our State.

Though our numbers are yet insignificant, I trust to find zeal and ability sufficient to prosecute to its final completion the great work so happily begun.

In the discharge of the duties of my office I have had occasion to rejoice at the general anxiety expressed from all quarters to establish new Chapters, or revive those whose labors have been so long suspended; but the great difficulty seems to be the small number of Companions, residing in any one district.

Many of the Chapters of this State suspended in 1833, and in consequence of the removal by death, or otherwise, of most of their members have not a sufficient number left to re-organize.

In compliance with a resolution of this body at its convocation in June last. I have on application, revived Raleigh Chapter No. 10, at Raleigh, and Eureka Chapter No. 7, at Newbern. I have also granted Dispensations for two new Chapters, one in Duplin County, to be called Union Chapter No. 17, and the other in the town of Roxboro, Person County, to be called Gaston Chapter No. 18.

The Books, Papers and Seal, belonging to the Grand Chapter at the time of its suspension, I have received from Com. E. B. Freeman, at Raleigh; in regard to its funds, I have been able to learn nothing definite. A Communication, herewith submitted No. 1, will give all the information I have been able to obtain on that subject.

On the second of September last, I forwarded to the Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, a copy of the proceedings of our Convention held here in June, with a request that he should lay it before that body at its next session for approval and confirmation, and asking that ours might be admitted into the family of Grand Chapters of which it was composed; and in December, I received from that officer the printed proceedings, of the September session held at Columbus Ohio, which are herewith submitted. I find that the Committee to which our proceedings were referred in their Report, recommend that we shall be recognized as a Legal Grand Chapter, on certain conditions, which report being adopted, it becomes necessary for us to comply with the requirements of those conditions, which are, that we shall amend the 4th, 5th, 10th and 14th, and strike out the 12th Articles of our present Constitution.

Being one of the Com'tte that drew up that Constitution, I would state in regard to Article 4th, that it is an Article of the old Constitution of this Grand Chapter, adopted by us with the intention of striking out so much of it as contemplated the Chartering of Mark Lodges, Independent of Chapters—but in preparing it for the Press the whole Article was inadvertently inserted.

In apology for the admission of such of the other Articles as conflict with the General Grand Constitution, I must plead the short space of time allotted to the Com'tee to prepare and report that Constitution, rendering it impossible for them to give it that careful consideration that its importance demanded. And I would take this occasion to endeavor to impress upon this Grand body, the great, and I may say almost vital importance, of allowing Committees sufficient time; that they may devote to such subjects as are referred to them, that careful deliberation and research, that should characterise all our proceedings—for it must be remembered that they are to be submitted to the scrutiny of the General Grand Chapter, and we shall therefore take rank among our sister Grand Chap-

ters according to the Masonic ability that shall be displayed in those proceedings.

I would recommend a revision of our Constitution, and that the articles referred to be so amended as to conform to the requirements of the General Grand Constitution.

I find nothing further in the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, that I deem it important I should bring particularly to your attention.

I have received the proceedings of but a very small number of Grand Chapters, and find nothing in them requiring special notice.

I have received a communication from Eureka Chapter No. 7, Newbern, which I herewith submit, conveying the melancholy intelligence of the death, within a few months past, of three of their members. And also the removal from that Jurisdiction, of their presiding officer, and one other member, by which their number—barely a Constitutional one—is now reduced to four. We may therefore expect no Representative from that Chapter.

I cannot submit this report, without expressing the hope, that my inexperience in the duties of the honorable and important station to which you were pleased to appoint me, will induce you to cast the mantle of Masonic charity over any errors that I may have committed in the discharge of those duties.

I trust that the Union and Harmony that should ever distinguish us as Masons, may shed its influence over all the deliberations of our present Convocation, and that we may be enabled here to form a nuclus around which shall, ere long be gathered, the brightest ornaments of our Institution. A. MARTIN.

On motion of Companion Fanning, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the very interesting Communication of our M. E. G. H. Priest, be spread upon the Minutes, and printed with the proeeedings.

That the M. E. G. H. P., submit the several subjects of his Address to a Committee, or Committees to be appointed by the Chair. Coms. Fanning, Hill and Rankin, were appointed said Committee.

The following Resolution of Com. Fanning was offered and adopted.

Resolved, That the M. E. G. H. P., be requested to Lecture on the several Chapter Degrees, on some convenient occasion during the sitting of this Grand Chapter, and that he call to his aid, such Companions as he may think proper to select.

The following Resolution was adopted,

Resoleed, That the Grand Chapter proceed to elect its Officers to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock.

The Grand Chapter, then called off from labor to Refreshment until half past seven o'clock, P. M.

Half past Seven o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor. Com. D. McMillan, from the Committee on Dispensations, made the following report, which was received and adopted.

Report of Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

The Committee to whom has been entrusted, the subject of Dispensations and Charters beg leave to report:

That they have before them a petition from the Companions of Union Chapter No. 17. Duplin County, to whom a Dispensation was granted in September last, asking (for reasons therein set forth) that a Charter be granted them. Therefore your Committee would most respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted by this M. E. Grand body.

A Communication from Eureka Chapter No. 7, Newbern, has also been placed in the hands of the Committee. Who, in view of the unfortunate situation of said Chapter, occasioned by circumstances beyond their control, would recommend that further time be allowed for the re-organization of the same, so that regular returns be made at the next Annual Convocation, of this Grand Chapter.

Also a Communication from C. H. Jordan, one of the applicants for a Dispensation, for Gaston Chapter No. 18, Roxbor'o, Person County, setting forth their inability to organize, and make returns at the present Grand Convocation, owing to the distance that the Companion resides from each other. Your Committee

Respectfully recommend that the Dispensation be continued in force until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

All of which is most Respectfully Submitted,

D. McMillan, *Chairman.*
R. G. Rankin,
P. W. Fanning.

The Grand Chapter was then closed in solemn form to meet again at 3 o'clock, to-morrow afternoon.

L. C. Pender, *Grand Secretary.*

Three o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to appointment.

PRESENT:

M. E. Alfred Martin,	G. H. Priest.
" " Louis Bond,	G. K. p. t.
" " R. G. Rankin,	G. S. p. t.
" " T. W. Brown,	G. T.
" " L. C. Pender,	G. S.
" " P. W. Fanning,	G. M., p. t.
" " W. G. Hill,	G. C. H., p. t.
" " L. R. Loftin,	G. P. S., p. t.
" " G. W. Wallace,	G. R. A. C., p. t.
" " W. W. Harriss,	G. M. 3 Veil, p. t.
" " E. Wolfe,	G. " 2 " p. t.
" " Henry Simpson,	G. M 1 " p. t.
" " J. Banks,	G. T.

And the following Representatives from Subordinate Chapters.

Concord No. 1, P. W. Fanning, R. G. Rankin, and W. W. Harriss.
Concord No. 5, Louis Bond.
Raleigh No. 10, W. G. Hill,
Union No. 17, Under Dispensation, L. R. Loftin, G. W. Wallace.

Visiters.—Companions E. Wolfe, Henry Simpson, S. Teller, J. Griswold, J. Wright, T. Burr, Jr., and G. Pollock.

The Grand Chapter, opened in solemn form and Resolved itself into a Committee of the whole.

Companion A. Martin, in the Chair, for the purpose of electing Officers for the ensuing year.

The Committee rose and reported the following Companions duly elected:

M. E.	Companion	Alfred Martin, of Wilmington,	G. H. P.
" "	"	P. W. Fanning, "	G. K.
" "	"	E. L. Winslow, of Fayetteville,	G. S.
" "	"	T. W. Brown, of Wilmington,	G. T.
" "	"	L. C. Pender, of Tarboro,	G. S.
" "	"	Rev. J. A. Shepard of Washington County,	G. Chaplain.
" "	"	W. S. Baker, of Edgecombe,	G. Marshal.

The M. E. G. H. Priest, appointed Com. W. G. Hill, of Raleigh, D. G. H. Priest, and Com. John Banks, of Wilmington, G. Tyler.

The following Resolution submitted by Companion Rankin, was adopted,

Resolved, That the Installation of Officers of the Grand Chapter, take place tomorrow at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Companion G. W. Wallace, asked and obtained leave of absence for the balance of this session.

The Grand Chapter, then called off from labor to Refreshment until half past seven o'clock, P. M.

Tuesday Evening Half past Seven o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

The Committee on the Address of the M. E. G. H. P., submited, through Companion Rankin, the following report, which was received and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. E. G. H. Priest, and accompanying documents, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

That the General Grand Chapter, in order to acknowledge us as one of the family of Grand Chapters, has required an amendment to the 4th, 5th, 10th, and 14th Articles of our Constitution, and that the 12th Article should be strickin out.

With all due deference to the decision of the General Grand Chapter, your Committee are of opinion, that it would have been better for it to have suffered the 12th article to remain, believing that this Grand body is fully competent to decide as to the propriety of her Officers, accepting office in Subordinate Chapters. They however recommend that a Convention of Delegates from the several Chapters, be held in this Hall at 9 o'clock, this evening, for the purpose of amending the Constitution, as required by the General Grand Chapter.

In regard to the funds belonging to the late Grand Chapter, the Committee discover by reference to the report of a Committee found in the proceedings of that body, in 1830, that $200 remained in the hands of a former Treasurer, after deducting the sum of $187 paid by him to his successor. Your Committee recommend that the M. E. G. H. Priest, prosecute his inquiries upon the subject.

Respectfully submitted

P. W. Fanning, *Chairman.*
W. G. Hill,
R. G. Rankin.

Companion Fanning, from the Committee on returns of Subordinate Chapters, presented the following report, which was received and adopted.

Report of the Committee on Returns.

The Committee on Returns beg leave to report, that Returns from Concord Chapter No. 1, Concord Chapter No. 5, and Raleigh Chapter No. 10, have been placed in their hands, examined, and in essentials, found correct, although not entirely free from informalities—chargeable, doubtless to a want of explicitness in that portion of the Grand Constitution bearing immediately upon this point. The Grand Constitution does not say that the Returns must be attested by the Secretary, under the Seal of the Chapter; neither that the *grade* of the members shall be designated—an observance of which, however, to your Committee, seems proper and becoming.

The Returns of Union Chapter No. 17, working under Dispensation, have also been examined and found correct; excepting that the Returns do not represent the Chapter as working under Dispensation, and that C. P. H. is doubtless placed inadvertently after the name of the Captain of the Host, instead of C. H.

By the above Returns, it appears, that during the last year, Concord Chapter No. 1, has exalted *eight*, Raleigh No. 10, *twenty-one*, and Union No. 17, *twenty-three*—in all, *fifty-two exaltations*, and by only *three* Chapters.. How truly encouraging is such an unprecedented increase of good and true Companions, and how should it stimulate us all to persevere in "so great and so glorious an undertaking" as that in which we are engaged, when there is so fair a prospect of bringing to light so many precious Jewels that might otherwise remain forever buried beneath the rubbish of forgetfulness, indifference or neglect!

It is truly gratifying to your Committee to perceive that, in the several Chapters referred to, there have been no expulsions, no deaths, no resignations, but one rejection, and only one suspension—may they ever make such exhibits.

It is to be regretted that no Representatives appear from Roanoke Chapter No. 4, Halifax, Phœnix Chapter No. 2, Fayetteville, nor from Zerubbabel Chapter No. 11, Edenton, and that no Returns have been received from either of the above named Chapters. It is recommended that the Grand Secretary, remind the above Chapters to forward their dues at the earliest convenience. Respectfully submitted

P. W. Fanning, *Chairman.*

On motion of Companion Rankin, it was

Resolved, That two hundred copies of the proceedings of this Grand Convocation be printed.

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to Engross the proceedings of this Grand Convocation, and superintend the printing thereof. Companions R. G. Rankin, and D. McMillan, were appointed said Committee.

The Grand Chapter then called off for the purpose of holding a Convention to amend the Constitution.

Wilmington, June 13th, 1848.

The members of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, together with the Delegates of the several Subordinate Chapters, Represented at this Grand Convocation met in the Hall of St. John's Lodge No. 1.

PRESENT:

P. W. Fanning, R. G. Rankin,	*Delegates*	*from*	*Concord*	*Chapter*	*No.* 1.
Lewis Bond,	"	"	*Concord*	"	*No.* 5.
W. G. Hill,	"	"	*Raleigh*	"	*No.* 10.
L. R. Loftin, G. W. Wallace.	"	"	*Union*	"	*No.* 17.

Companion Lewis Bond was appointed President, and Companion P. W. Fanning, Secretary.

Companion R. G. Rankin submitted the following Resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That in compliance with the requirements of the General Grand Chapter, the 4th, 5th, 10th and 14th Articles of the constitution of the Grand R. A. Chapter of North Carolina, be amended, and the 12th Article be stricken out.

Companion Rankin, then moved,

"That the second Article be amended by substituting the first, instead of the second Monday in June."

That the 15th Article be so amended as to read. That this Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of N. Carolina, with the approbation of two-thirds of the voters present, and not otherwise. Which were adopted, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

LEWIS BOND, *President*.
P. W. FANNING, *Secretary*.

The Grand Chapter then resumed labor.

On motion of Companion Rankin, it was

Resolved, That the proceedings of this Convention be incorporated in, and published with the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, together with the Constitution as amended.

Companion W. G. Hill, asked and obtained leave of absence for the balance of the Session.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter then closed in solemn form, to meet again to-morrow, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

L. C. PENDER, *Grand Secretary*.

Wilmington, June 14th, 1848.

The Grand Chapter Convened pursuant to Appointment.

PRESENT:

M. E. A. Martin,	G. H. P.
" Lewis Bond,	G. K., p. t.
" E. V. Kelly,	G. Scribe, p. t.
" T. W. Brown,	G. T.
" L. C. Pender.	G. S.
" P. W. Fanning,	G. M., p. t.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. C. H., p. t.
" L. R. Loftin,	G. P. S., p. t.
" R. Maxwell,	G. R. A. C., p. t.
" E. Wolfe,	G. M. 3 V., p. t.
" John Wright,	" M. 2 V., p. t.
" S. Teller,	" M. 1 V., p. t.
" John Banks,	" Tyler,

Representatives from Subordinate Chapters.

Concord No. 1, P. W. Fanning, R. G. Rankin. Concord No. 5, Lewis Bond. Union No. 17, L. R. Loftin.

Visiters.—Companions E. V. Kelly, R. Maxwell, E. Wolfe, S. Teller, J. Griswold, John Wright.

The Grand Chapter opened in solemn form and proceeded to the Installation of Officers.

The Officers elected for the ensuing year, who were present, were then duly installed, and those who were absent were installed by Proxy.

Companion Rankin from the Committee on Accounts, submitted the following Report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Accounts have had the duty assigned to them under consideration, and beg leave to Report:

That they have examined the Grand Secretary's Books and find them correctly and handsomely kept—that they have also examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and find them correct, and proper Vouchers presented for all Disbursements.

The receipts of this Grand Chapter, for Dues for the past year, have been, from Concord Chapter No. 1, $15 00

Concord	Chapter	No. 5,	for	dues,	15 00
Roanoke	"	No. 4,	"	"	15 00
Eureka	"	No. 17,	"	reviving,	15 00
Raleigh	"	No. 10,	"	"	15 00
"	"	No. 10,	"	dues,	15 00
Union	"	No. 17,	"	Dispensation,	50 00
"	"	" "	"	Dues for Exaltion 21 Companions,	42 00
					$182 00
				The Disbursements Amount to	68 60
Leaving a balance of					$113 40

in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

Phœnix Chapter No. 2. Zerubbabel Chapter No. 11, and Eureka Chapter No. 7, are in arrears and indebted to this Grand Chapter Fifteen Dollars each, for dues for the past year.

The Committee take great pleasure in acknowledgeing the assistance, cheerfully rendered them, by the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and in finding them so well qualified for the important stations they fill. Respectfully submitted.

D. McMillan.
R. G. Rankin.

On motion of Companion Fanning,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to subscribe for Moore's Freemasons Magazine, published in Boston, and Moore's Masonic Review, published in Cincinnatti, for the use of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then called off from labor to Refreshment until half past seven o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday Evening, Half past Seven o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Companion Rankin, submitted the following Resolution, which was adopted,

Resolved, That a Committee of three, be appointed to investigate the case of Suspension, Reported from Concord Chapter No. 1.

Companions Rankin, Bond, and Loftin, were appointed said Committee, who after investigating, submitted the following Report, which was unanimously adopted.

The Committee appointed to investigate the case of Suspension of Companion J. H. Milmore, from Concord Chapter No. 1, for an indifinite period, beg leave to Report:

That from the nature of the unmasonic conduct of Companion Milmore, known to two of the Committee, and from his Suspension, from all the rights of Masonry, by St. John's Lodge No. 1, after a fair and impartial trial, recommend that his Suspension be confirmed by this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted.

R. G. Rankin, *Chairman.*
Lewis Bond,
L. R. Loftin.

Companion Fanning, from the Committee on proceedings of Subordinate Chapters, submitted the following Report:

Report of the Committee on Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters.

The Committee on proceedings of Subordinate Chapters Respectfully Report:

That there appears to be no particular business claiming their attention—no proceedings having come up for their examination.

It is proper to remark, that when, Chapters under Dispensation apply for Charters, a transcript of their proceedings, together with a copy of their By-Laws, should invariably accompany the application. Respectfully submitted.

P. W. Fanning, Chairman.

Companion Fanning, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted the following Report:

Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence Respectfully Report, that the only documents, properly coming before them, are the Proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Royal Chapters of Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee, Virginia, and Mississippi, together with the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the last of which more particularly interests, this Grand

Body at the present moment, inasmuch as our re-organization as a Grand Chapter has been legally recognized and confirmed, and we are admitted in full communion with our Sister Grand Chapters, whom we fraternally embrace, and with whom we joyfully propose an interchange of all those courtesies which ever delight the wise, the good, the benevolent, and those who would "dwell together in unity."

The few proceedings before us indicate a healthy condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the several sections from which they emanate. Some subjects of exciting interest are warmly discussed, but generally in a good spirit, although sometimes, we think, exceptionable in this respect, complaints are urged, in some quarters, against what is termed the unwarrantable action of the General Grand Chapter in certain cases. The G. G. Chapter, like all other institutions, is certainly liable to err, because, according to Masonic acknowledgment: "Perfection is not to be found on earth." Were it otherwise, all difficulties might readily be healed; as it is, the remedy is at hand without resorting to severe invectives, or provoking insinuations, which only engender bitter feelings and widen the breach. No Grand Chapter can reasonably complian so long as she exercises an influence and enjoys the privilege of being heard in General Grand Council. *There* she can call for redress of grievances—there she can be heard and felt—there be secured in her constitutional rights. Your committee regret to see the hostility manifested by the Grand Chapter of Virginia, against the General Grand Chapter, to which we are bound to acknowledge allegiance, and in whose integrity of purpose we repose the most entire confidence. This animosity is not confined alone to Virginia, but the infection is showing itself in other quarters. One of the principal objects of a General Grand Chapter is, undoubtedly, to establish a "uniform mode of work." Now if all due diligence be not exercised in the accomplishment of that purpose, as some contend, there is a grevious fault, in the sin of which North Carolina will be equally implicated, should she fail to put forth her whole energies to reform. In the opinion of your committee, the General Grand Chapter erred in requiring, inadvertantly, as we believe, as a condition to recognizing this Grand Chapter, that she expunge the 12th article of her Consti-

tution, which reads thus: "No Officer of this Grand Chapter shall hold an office in any subordinate Chapter, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter." Notwithstanding this view of the matter, this Grand Chapter will not hesitate to comply with this requisition, as well as with others in this connexion considered altogether unexceptionable. In the Masonic Family, above all others, there should be no jarring—and all difficulties should be settled upon the square. We contend for a Masonic Head, and that Head must be respected. These are the sentiments of your committee, and of the Grand Body whose organ they are. Arguments in abundance, in support of the position here assumed, might be adduced, did the occasion require it.

The claim of jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master is becoming a subject of considerable controversy. Your committee conceive that this question has been unequivocally and properly settled by the General Grand Chapter—that is, the Chapters within whose jurisdiction no Grand Council exists, are authorized to assume control of the same.

Your committee are opposed, in the main, to the many divisions and sub-divisions of Masonic Jurisdiction, and are disposed, generally, to favor the views entertained by the committee of foreign communications of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, which are, that the Grand Master of Masons here, as in England, should really be such as his title imports. From intercourse with intelligent Masons, your committee are satisfied that the separation of the degrees of R. and S. Master from the Chapter, where they unquestionably then, now and ever did belong, originated in a matter of knavish speculation—hence the origin, too, of so many spurious Degrees. Masonry is becoming gigantic, while her mighty and benign influence is extending itself throughout the habitable globe—let it then be guarded from pernicious infections, and suffer no expansions beyond its legitimate proportions.

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi, complains of the General Grand Chapter, granting a Charter to Carrollton Chapter working within the former jurisdiction—the principle contended for by the Mississippi Grand Chapter is certainly correct, and would no doubt be sustained by every Grand Chapter on appeal.

By the action of the General Grand Chapter, it is required of this Grand Chapter to amend certain Resolutions, in order that

they might be made comformidable to the General Grand R. Arch Constitution. As the Committee to whom the Grand H. Priest's address has been referred, will take that matter in charge, this committee is relieved of that duty.

With the limited time allotted for a due examination of all the subjects that should claim the attention of this committee, this imperfect Report is

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. Fanning, *Chairman.*

Both of which were received and adopted.

Companion Rankin moved, that the sum of twenty dollars be paid to the Grand Secretary for his services during the sitting of this Grand Chapter.

Companion L. C. Pender submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be presented to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and Concord Chapter, No. 1, for their polite attention, and the use of their Hall.

On motion of Companion L. R. Loftin, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to our Worthy M. E. G. H. Priest, A. Martin, for the able and efficient manner in which he has presided during the present convention.

A lecture was then given by the M. E. G. H. Priest, in the Royal Arch Degree, with the assistance of the companions present.

No other business appearing, the Grand Chapter closed in solemn form until the first Monday in June next.

L. C. Pender, *Grand Secretary.*

Returns of Chapters working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

Concord Chapter, No. 1,—Wilmington.

Officers:

M. E. Dugald McMillan,	High Priest.
" Eli V. Kelly,	King.
" Wm. D. Smith,	Scribe.
Comp. Talcott Burr, Jr.	Secretary.
" John A. Taylor,	Treasurer.
" Wm. Alva Burr,	Captain of the Host.
" Robert G. Rankin,	Principal Sojourner.
" Dugald A. Lamont.	Royal Arch Captain.
" William W. Harriss,	Master 3d Veil.
" Benjamin G. Bates,	" 2nd Veil.
" Robert Maxwell,	" 1st Veil.
" John Banks,	Janitor.

Members:

Alfred Martin,	Thomas Cowan,
Lewis H. Marsteller,	Thomas D. Meares,
John Walker,	Owen Fennell,
A. Paul Ripiton,	Tho's W. Brown,
Alexander McRae,	Isaac Northrop,
P. W. Fanning,	Geo: R. French,
C. B. Morris,	Jno. S. James,
John Smith,	J. R. Redman,
Treat F. Peck,	O. M. Chesnut,
A. B. Chesnut,	S. Teller,
James T. Miller,	William Murphy,
Stephen D. Wallace,	D. E. Roberts,
Thomas Marshall,	Thomas F. Gause,
Clayborn J. Oates,	J. Wilkinson,
Elias Wolfe,	Thomas J. Faison,

Luther Wright,	L. R. Loftin,
Samuel Loftin,	Hardy E. Royal,
G. W. Wallace,	Eli W. Hines,
Jno. F. Rhodes,	D. B. Newton,

J. D. Powers.

Exaltations.

Companion	John Christian,	22nd July, 1847.
"	Dugald A. Lamont,	22nd July, 1847.
"	William D. Smith,	18th October, 1847.
"	William W. Harriss,	13th October, 1848.
"	Joseph Wilkinson,	19th January, 1848.
"	William C. Parks,	19th January, 1848.
"	William Closs,	19th January, 1848.
"	Elias Wolf,	7th February, 1848.

Suspended, one.
Expelled, None.

Phœnix, No. 2,—Fayetteville,—No Returns.

Concord Chapter, No. 5,—Tarboro.

Officers.

Louis Bond,	High Priest.
Benjamin Batts,	King.
Charles Mabry,	Scribe.
Louis C. Pender,	Secretary.
James Y. Jenkins,	Treasurer.
William S. Baker,	Captain of the Host.
William H. Hines,	Principal Sojourner.
William Norfleet,	Royal Arch Captain.
Solomon Pender,	Grand Master, of 3d Veil.
Simmons B. Staton,	" " 2d "
John Williams,	" " 1st "
Robert H. Pender,	Tyler.

Members.

Benjamin M. Jackson,	John Mooring,
Arthur K. Barlow,	Bryant Bennett,
William D. Bryan,	Andrew E. Gill,

James Wilkins,
William H. Smith,
A. S. Mooring,
Jesse H. Drake,
D. S. Crenshaw,
John H. Drake.

Admitted, 0; Advanced, 0; Exalted, 0; Suspended, 0; Expelled, 0; Dead, 0; Withdrawn, 0;

LEWIS BOND, *High Priest.*

L. C. PENDER, *Secretary.*

Eureka Chapter, No. 7,—Newbern.—No Returns.

Raleigh Chapter, No. 10,—Raleigh.

List of Officers and Members of Raleigh Chapter, No. 10.

M. E.	William G. Hill,	High Priest.
"	Theodore Patridge,	King.
"	Dabny Cosby,	Scribe.
Comp.	William H. Mead,	Captain of the Host.
"	William D. Cooke,	Principal Sojourner.
"	Robert W. Seawell,	Royal Arch Captain.
"	James T. Marriott,	Master 3d Veil.
"	Joseph Wattering,	" 2d "
"	John W. Cosby,	" 1st "
"	Wesley Hollister,	Treasurer.
"	William Dallas Haywood,	Secretary.
"	Richard W. Ashton,	Tyler.

Members:

Willie W. Johnson,
James G. Jeffreys,
J. J. Biggs,
Alston A. Jones,
William F. Collins,
Willie D. Jones,
Charles H. Johnson,
Joseph T. Hunter,
Daniel B. Griffin,
William T. Bain,
C. W. D. Hutchings,
James D. Newsom,
Joseph D. Powell.

Exalted, 21; Suspended, 0; Expelled, 0; Rejected, 1.

Zerubbabel, No. 11,—Edenton,—No Returns.

Union Chapter, No. 17, Duplin.

Returns from Union Chapter, No. 17. Duplin County, under Dispensation.

Officers:

Luther R. Loftin,	High Priest.
George W. Wallace,	King.
Eli W. Hines,	Scribe.
Samuel Loftin,	Captain of the Host.
John F. Rhodes,	Principal Sojourner.
Daniel B. Newton,	Royal Arch Captain.
Claborn I. Oates,	Master of 3d Veil.
James Griswold,	" 2d "
John Wright,	" 1st "
Daniel Bowden,	Treasurer.
Albert R. Hicks,	Secretary.
Henry Swinson,	Tyler.

Members:

L. B. Loftin,	G. W. Wallace,
E. W. Hines,	S. Loftin,
J. F. Rhodes,	D. B. Newton,
C. J. Oates,	J. Griswold,
J. Wright,	Joel Loftin,
W. F. Pollock,	W. Hollowell,
D. Jones,	J. K. Hill,
J. E. Beckton,	J. M. McDuffy.
D. Glissan,	B. Bowden,
D. Bowden,	A. R. Hicks,
B. B. Allen,	V. G. Harold,
J. J. Baker,	H. Swinson,
Dr. J. G. Dickson,	Dr. J. W. Blount,
C. D. Hill,	L. S. Herring,
D. Wright,	B. C. Bowden,
T. Winders,	F. B. Millard.

Admitted, 2; Exalted, 23; Rejected, 1; Suspended, 0; Expelled, 0; Dead, 0.

L. R. Loftin, *High Priest.*

A. R. Hicks, *Secretary.*

FORM OF RETURNS FOR A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER.

Return of Chapter No. working under jurisdiction of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.

OFFICERS.

MEMBERS.	MEMBERS.

Exaltations.	Rejections.	Withdra'als	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.

Dr. Grand Chapter of N. C. in Account with_____No.

Seal. *Sec'y.*

THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CONSTITUTION

FOR THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA:

As amended by a Convention held in Wilmington, on the 13*th day of June, A. D.* 1848, *Y. D.* 2378.

ARTICLE 1. The Grand Chapter shall consist of a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Marshal; and likewise of the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes for the time being of the subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, and the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes of said Grand Chapter, and the said enumerated officers, or their proxies, shall be the only members and voters in said Grand Chapter: *Provided*, that in all cases where the number of votes shall be equal, the Grand High Priest shall have two votes, otherwise he shall have but one, and no Companion can represent more than one Chapter at the same time, and no proxy shall be recognized unless he be a member of the Chapter he represents.

ARTICLE 2. The Grand Chapter shall meet annually on the first Monday in June, in the town of Wilmington, N. C., until its convocation in June, A. D. 1851, at which time a convention shall be called to determine as to the expediency of continuing its convocations in that place, or holding them at some place which may have become more central by the establishment of subordinate Chapters in other parts of the State. And the M. E. High Priest shall govern and preside over this Grand Chapter when present, and in his absence, the Deputy Grand High Priest, King or Scribe, shall preside, taking precedence according to rank. The Grand or deputy Grand High Priest, respectively, may call

special meetings, to be holden at such time and place as they shall severally think proper to appoint.

Article 3. The Officers of the Grand Chapter shall be chosen by ballot, at each annual convocation in June, and in case the regular convocation should, by any casuality, not be held, the Grand Officers shall sustain their respective offices until successors are duly elected and qualified.

Article 4. Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, within this State, shall have a warrant of Constitution from the Grand Chapter under the seal thereof, and under the sign manuel of its Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest, King and Scribe, and attested by its Secretary, or Letters of Dispensation from the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest; and no chapter shall be deemed legal without such Warrant or Letters of Dispensation. And the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, severally, shall have power and authority, whenever they shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to grant Letters of Dispensation, under their respective hands and private seals, to a competent number of petitioners possessing the qualifications required by the 9th section of the 2d article of the Grand Royal Arch Constitution, empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodge of Most Excellent, Past and Mark Master Masons, for a certain specified time: *Provided*, that the said term of time shall not extend beyond the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter: and *provided further*, that the same fees as are hereinafter required for a Warrant of Constitution shall have been deposited with the Grand Treasurer. And in all cases of such Dispensation, the officer granting the same, shall make report thereof, to the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter, when the Grand Chapter may either continue or recall such Dispensation; or grant the petitioners a Warrant of Constitution, in which latter event, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same. But if a warrant shall not be granted, nor the Dispensation continued, the said fees shall be refunded to the petitioners, except such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by reason of their application.

Article 5. Upon every application for a Warrant or Charter from this Grand Chapter, to constitute a new Chapter, there shall

be advanced and paid to the Grand Treasurer, the sum of ninety dollars before said Warrant or Charter shall be issued, whereof the Grand Secretary shall receive ten dollars by way of compensation for furnishing parchment for said Charter or Warrant, and having the same elegantly printed.

Article 6. The several subordinate Chapters in this State, shall each pay to this Grand Chapter the sum of fifteen Dollars annually.

Article 7. No Warrant for the institution of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons; which petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Chapter nearest the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral character of the petitioners, and recommending to the Grand Chapter to grant their prayer.

Article 8. The Grand Secretary of this Chapter shall make an annual communication to each of the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Chapters working under the authority of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; and also to the General Grand Secretary, containing a list of the Grand Officers, and all such other matters as may be deemed necessary or useful, for the mutual information of said Grand Chapters. And the said Grand Secretary shall also regularly transmit to the General Grand Secretary a copy of the by-laws and regulations of this Grand Chapter, with the amendments thereto.

Article 9. The Secretaries of the several subordinate Chapters and Lodges shall make report to the Grand Chapter at its annual meeting, of all such advancements, exaltations, suspensions, expulsions, deaths, or resignations, as may have taken place in his Chapter during the year, and shall at the same time transmit the annual dues, with a list of officers and members.

Article 10. No subordinate Chapter shall confer any degree but upon application made in writing filed at a regular communication, unless in cases of emergency, so deemed by a majority of the members present; and the ballot must be unanimous to admit a petitioner.

Article 11. Any member of a subordinate Chapter dissatisfied with a decision thereof, may appeal to the Grand Chapter, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of such Chapter to transmit to the Grand Chapter at its next Convocation, an official statement of the proceedings had thereon, countersigned by the High Priest or presiding officer.

Article 12. Whenever there shall be a dissolution of any of the Chapters under this jurisdiction, or whenever any such Chapter shall incur a forfeiture of its charter; in either of those cases the funds and furniture at that time belonging to such Chapter, shall become, and they are hereby declared to be the property of this Grand Chapter; and the Grand officers or any one of them may demand, recover and take possession thereof for the benefit of the Grand Chapter.

Article 13. This Grand Chapter shall have power from time to time to pass all such By-Laws Resolutions and Edicts, and do all other matters and things for the government of itself and the general good of Masonry as may be deemed expedient; not inconsistent with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter.

Article 14. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, with approbation of two-thirds of the voters present, and not otherwise.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

OF THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE 1. It shall be the duty of the several officers of the Grand Chapter to attend the stated meetings thereof, either in person or by proxy.

ARTICLE 2. The Grand High Priest, or in his absence, the senior officer present, shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Grand Chapter stands adjourned, and shall immediately upon the appearance of a quorum, open the Grand Chapter in due form.

ARTICLE 3. At every sitting of each annual convention of the Grand Chapter, the minutes of the preceeding sitting shall be read, and if requisite, corrected.

ARTICLE 4. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer at all times to preserve order, and to endeavor to conduct all business before the Grand Chapter, to a speedy and proper result.

ARTICLE 5. The presiding officer may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Grand Chapter by any member seconded.

ARTICLE 6. Business left unfinished at the last sitting, is ordinarily to be taken up first.

ARTICLE 7. A motion made, must be seconded and afterwards repeated by the presiding officer, or read aloud before it is debated; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the presiding officer or any member require it.

Article 8. Any member who shall have made a motion may withdraw it with the consent of his second, before any debate has taken place thereon, but not afterwards without the permission of the Grand Chapter.

Article 9. On questions of order, postponement or commitment, no member shall speak more than once; on all other questions, except adjournment, on which no discussion will be allowed, each member may speak twice but not oftener, without the express permission of the Grand Chapter.

Article 10. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to amend it, to commit it, to postpone it, or lay it on the table.

Article 11. An amendment may be made on any motion, and shall be decided before the original motion.

Article 12. If a motion under debate contain several parts, any member seconded, may have it divided, and a question taken on each part.

Article 13. A question shall not be again called up or reconsidered at the same meeting of the Grand Chapter at which it has been decided except by the consent of two-thirds of the members present, and unless the motion to re-consider, be made by a member who voted with the majority.

Article 14. Every member when speaking shall rise and respectfully address the chair, and shall treat his fellow members with decorum and respect.

Article 15. No speaker shall be interrupted unless he be out of order, or for the purpose of correcting mistakes or misrepresentations.

Article 16. If more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide which shall first be heard.

Article 17. If any member act in any respect in a disorderly manner, it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the presiding officer, to call him to order.

ARTICLE 18. If any member consider himself aggrieved by the decision of the Grand High Priest or other officer presiding for the time being, it shall be his privilege to appeal to the Grand Chapter, and the question on such decision shall be taken without debate.

ARTICLE 19. All committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer for the time being, except when otherwise directed by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 20. The person first named on any committee shall be considered the Chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to convene the committee, and in case of his absence or inability to act, the second named member shall take his place and perform his duties.

ARTICLE 21. The yeas and nays shall not be recorded unless it be required by one-third of the members present.

ARTICLE 22. No member shall retire from the room while the Grand Chapter is sitting, without the permission of the presiding officer, nor return home without the consent of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 23. Visiting Companions shall not vote on any question or petition before the Grand Chapter but may be heard in debate, with the consent of a majority of the members present.

ARTICLE 24. The Grand High Priest, or in case of his death or resignation, the Deputy Grand High Priest, shall be authorized at all times to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for any sums of money that shall be necessary to defray the expenses which may be incurred by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE 25. The Grand Treasurer shall deliver to the standing committee, immediately preceding the annual election of officers, a statement of all accounts, and of the funds of the Grand Chapter, and also of all delinquencies.

ARTICLE 26. All subjects on which questions are to be taken (except such as are especially provided for) shall be decided by a majority, and in case of an equal number of votes, the motion, question, or resolution, shall be considered as lost.

ARTICLE 27. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, shall form a

standing committee, any two of whom may act, whose duty it shall be to adjust all claims against the Grand Chapter, to examine the Treasurer's Books and accounts annually, and at every election of officers to report to the Grand Chapter the state of the funds, to which committee all applications for charity shall be referred; and for that purpose the said committee shall have authority to draw on the Grand Treasurer.

Article 28. The members of the Grand Chapter shall at every meeting appear in Royal Arch sashes and aprons.

Article 29. Those persons officiating as Grand Tyler and Grand Steward shall receive one dollar each for every sitting of the Grand Chapter.

Article 30. The Grand Secretary, in addition to the duties prescribed in the 8th Article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, shall transmit to each member, annually, a copy of the proceedings, for which service he shall receive the sum of ten dollars per annum.

Article 31. The By-Laws shall be read at the commencement of every meeting.

Article 32. There shall be no alteration or amendment to these By-Laws, except with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION

IN

WILMINGTON, N. C.,

ON

MONDAY, FOURTH DAY OF JUNE,

A. L. 5849, R. A. M. 2379, A. D. 1849.

P. W. FANNING,	M. E. G. H. P.,	WILMINGTON.
W G. HILL,	M. E. D. G H P.,	RALEIGH.
R. G. RANKIN,	G. SECRETARY,	WILMINGTON.

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PROCEEDINGS OF

The Third Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, begun and held in the Hall of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, *in Wilmington, on Monday, the* 4*th day of June, A. L.* 5849, *R. A. M.* 2379, *A. D.* 1849.

PRESENT:

M. E. Alfred Martin,	G. H. Priest.
" " P. W. Fanning,	G. K.
" " J. W. Cosby,	G. S. p. t.
" T. W. Brown,	G. T.
" A. P. Repiton,	G. Sec.'y p. t.
" D. McMillan,	G. M. p. t.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. P. S. p. t.
" T. Burr, Jr.,	G. R. A. C., p. t.
" Jas. T. Marriott,	G. M. 3 Veil, p. t.
" Jno. Walker, Jr.,	G. M. 2 " p. t.
" D. Teller,	G. M. 1 " p. t.
" Jno. Banks,	G. Tyler.

The Grand Chapter opened in solemn form. A quorum not being present, the G. C. called off until 4 o'clock, P. M.

A. Paul Repiton, G. Sec.'y, p. t.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E Alfred Martin,	G. H. P.
" " P. W. Fanning,	G. K.
" " Lewis Bond,	G. S. p. t.
" T. W. Brown,	G. T.
" L. C Pender,	G. Sec.'y.
" D. McMillan,	G. M. p. t.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. P. S. p. t.
" T. Burr, Jr.,	G. R. A. C., p. t.
" J. W. Cosby,	G. M. 3 V. p. t.
" J. T. Marriott,	G. M. 2 V. p. t.
" L. R. Loftin,	G. M. 1 V. p. t.
" Jno. Banks,	G. Tyler.

And the following Delegates from Subordinate Chapters:

Concord No. 1, Wilmington, Com. T. Burr, Jr., A. A. Brown, and R. G. Rankin.

Roanoke No. 4, Halifax, Com. W. W Brickell, K.

Concord No. 5, Tarboro', Com. Lewis Bond, H. P.

Raleigh No. 10, Raleigh, Com. J W. Cosby, J. T. Marriott.

Union No. 17, Duplin, Com. L. R. Loftin, H. P., Eli W. Hines, K., and F. B. Millard, S.

Visiters.—Com. H. P. Russell, W. W. Harriss, George Harriss, Jno. Walker, Jr., E. J. Lutterloh, D. McMillan.

The following Chapters made Returns, and paid Dues:

Concord No. 1,		paid $15	to 1850
Concord No. 5,		" $15	" 1850
Raleigh No 10,		" $15	" 1849
Roanoke No. 4,	no ret'ns,	" $15	" 1849
Union No. 17,		made returns,	no dues.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed Companions Northrop and Bond, a Committee on Credentials, who reported that "the Committee appointed to examine the Credentials of Delegates" had performed that duty, and beg leave to re-

port, That the Credentials from the following Chapters were examined and found correct—From Concord Chapter No 1, Companions A. A. Brown, T. Burr, Jr., and R. G. Rankin. Roanoke Chapter No. 4, Com. W. W. Brickell. Concord Chapter No. 5, Com. Lewis Bond. Raleigh Chapter No. 10, Companions J. W. Cosby, J. T. Marriott.—Union Chapter No. 17, Com. L. R. Loftin, Eli W. Hines, and F. B. Millard.

Restpectfully submitted,

I. NORTHROP.
L. BOND.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Committees—

On Claims, Com. R. G. Rankin.

On Returns from Subordinate Chapters, Companions L. Bond, and J. W. Cosby.

On Foreign Communications, Companions Burr, and Marriott.

On Dispensations, Companions Burr, and A. A. Brown.

On Accounts, Companions Rankin, and Brickell.

No other business appearing, the M. E. G. C. called off until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

L. C. PENDER, G. Sec.'y.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 1849—10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. Alfred Martin,	G. H. P.	
" " P. W. Fanning,	G. K.	
" " T. Burr, Jr.,	G. S., p. t.	
" T. W. Brown,	G. T.	
" L. C. Pender,	G. Sec.	
" D. McMillan,	G. M., p. t.	
" R. G. Rankin,	G. P. S.,	p. t.
" L. R. Loftin,	G. R. A. C.	"
" W. W. Brickell,	G. M. 3 V.,	"
" Eli W. Hines,	G. M. 2 V.,	"
" F. B. Millard,	G. M. 1 V.,	"
" Jno. Banks,	G. Tyler.	

The following Representatives from Subordinate Chapters :

Concord No. 1, Com. Rankin, and T. Burr, Jr.
Roanoke No. 4, " W. W. Brickell.
Concord No. 5, " Lewis Bond.
Raleigh No. 10, " Jno. W. Cosby, Jas. T. Marriott.
Union No. 17, " L. R. Loftin, E. Hines, F. B. Millard.

Visiters.—Companions A. Paul Repiton, and E. J. Lutterloh.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters, made the following Report, which was received and adopted—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of North Carolina :

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters ask leave to report, that the only business requiring their attention is the application of the Companions of Gaston Chapter No. 18, Roxboro', Person County, for a Charter. The Letters of Dispensation were granted some time prior to the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter, and a Charter should regularly have been obtained at that period, in conformity with the Grand Constitution, but for certain satisfactory reasons the Dispensation was continued in force until the present Convocation. Upon an examination the proceedings appear to be regular—the customary fee has been received, and the Companions are ardent co-laborers in the service of the craft—but in consequence of an oversight, the usual tax upon Exaltations in Subordinate Chapters under Dispensations, and which is two dollars each, has not been paid. During the last year there have been fourteen Exaltations by this Chapter, and consequently the sum of twenty-eight dollars is due this Grand Body. Your Committee also notice in the By-Laws of this Chapter, several Sections that are in conflict with ancient usage, and with the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and the General Grand Constitution :—These are Sections 3rd and 5th, of Article 2nd—Sections 1st, 2nd and 3rd, of Article 3rd—Section 1st, Article 5th—Section 3rd, Article 6th. Your Committee recommend that the M. E. G. H. P. point out the defective articles to said Chapter, directing how they shall be amended, and after the amendments shall have been

made, and the dues paid, that then a Charter be immediately forwarded. Restpectfully submitted,

TALCOTT BURR, Jr.
A. A. BROWN.

The M. E. G. H. P. submitted his annual report.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of North Carolina:

To the annual Convocation of this Grand body I shall ever look forward with pleasure, affording as it does, an opportunity for the interchange of fraternal greetings with my Companions from the different parts of our Masonic domain. That I cannot congratulate you on any great acquisition of strength, by the increase of Subordinate Chapters, I have to regret. Still I do not feel discouraged—the reason is obvious, when we consider that for 17 years, Royal Arch Masonry in North Carolina, was without a head to guide and sustain it through the long and dreary night of adversity from which it is just now emerging.

In the largest portion of our State, her alters are still deserted, and desolation dwells in the sanctuary of the "sons of light.' Time and Death have done their work, and the few Companions that are left, are scattered through the State, generally at a great distance from each other—hence there are insurmountable difficulties in the way of any rapid increase in the number of Subordinate Chapters, in this jurisdiction.

But the clouds by which the Masonic sky has been so long overcast, are now passing away, and a bright and glorious era in her history will soon succeed them.

The few Chapters now in operation are yearly sending forth their scores of young and enterprising workmen; and by this means, slowly but surely laying the foundation of future prosperity.

Since our last Convocation, I have received the Proceedings of but a solitary Grand Chapter. This, I think, we may ascribe to the delay in the distribution of our own Proceedings. In transmitting them to our Grand Secretary they were lost, and not recovered again for several

months—and to this cause I would rather attribute it than to any want of courtesy or reciprocal friendship on the part of our sister Grand Chapters.

Gaston Chapter No. 18, at Roxboro', whose Dispensation was continued at our last Convocation, in consequence of their inability to organize and make returns, has at length succeeded in effecting an organization, and will apply at the present session for a charter. I am sorry to have to report Eureka Chapter No. 7, Newbern, in the same unfortunate position that it occupied at our last meeting.

I would call your attention to the irregularities of the Chapters at Windsor and Edenton. The former, I learn, obtained a Dispensation in 1830 or '31, and has been working under it, meeting at irregular periods, ever since.—Though they have had official notice of the revival of this Grand Chapter, they have never forwarded any of their proceedings, or made application for a charter.

The Chapter at Edenton has, from the best information I have been able to obtain, been for many years working in the same irregular manner, without regard to the requirements of this Grand Chapter in such cases.

The duty assigned me at our last Convocation, of obtaining the funds belonging to this Grand Chapter at the time of its suspension, I have endeavored to perform, and refer you to the letter of our Deputy G. H. Priest, herewith submitted, for the result of my inquiries.

The promise therein conveyed, has not been complied with.

When I accepted the responsible office of High Priest of this Grand Body, in 1847, it was with great distrust of my ability to discharge the important duties that necessarily devolve on the head of such an Institution—and though I have no lack of zeal to reproach myself with, still I feel that it might have been confided to abler hands. My other duties have claimed so large a share of my time and attention, that those of my office have not had that personal supervision that the interest of the Institution demands.

The present condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this State is such, as to make the selection of a chief who pos-

sesses zeal, ability, and leisure to visit Subordinate Chapters, of the highest importance.

As I shall at the close of the present Convocation, take my leave of you as your presiding officer, I cannot resist the expression of a hope that the last session under my administration may be distinguished by the same union, friendship, and harmony, that has characterised our preceding assemblies, and the assurance of my best wishes for your prosperity, individually, as my Companions in Free Masonry, and collectively, as the head of this noble Institution.

A. MARTIN.

On motion of Companion Fanning, it was unanimously

Resolved, "That the interesting Communication of the M. E. G. H. P. be spread upon the minutes and printed with the proceedings."

The Report of the M. E. G. P. was referred to the following Committees—

So much as relates to Eureka Chapter, to the Committee on Returns.

On the subject of the Chapters at Edenton and Windsor, to Companions Fanning and Burr.

And on the Funds of the Old Grand Chapter, to Companions Cosby and Rankin.

On motion of Companion Burr,

Resolved, That hereafter, at the opening of each Convocation of the Grand Chapter, there shall be appointed by the Chair, in addition to the ordinary Committees, a Committee on the unfinished business of the previous meeting.

On motion of Companion Rankin,

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter proceed to elect its officers at 4 o'clock, this afternoon.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter called off to meet again at 3 o'clock, P. M.

5TH JUNE, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. A. Martin,	G. H. P.	
" " P. W. Fanning,	G. K.	
" " Jas. T. Marriott,	G. S., p. t.	
" T. W. Brown,	G. T.	
" Louis C. Pender,	G. Sec.	
" T. Burr, Jr.,	G. M.,	p. t.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. P. S.	"
" L. R. Loftin,	G. R. A. C.,	"
" J. McDuffie,	G. M. 3 V.	"
" Eli W. Hines,	G. M. 2 V.	"
" F. B. Millard,	G. M. 1 V.	"
" John Banks,	G. T.	

Representatives from Subordinate Chapters.

Concord No. 1,	Com.	R. G. Rankin, T. Burr, Jr.
Roanoke No. 4,	"	W. W. Brickell.
Concord No. 5,	"	Lewis Bond,
Raleigh No. 10,	"	J. W. Cosby, J. T. Marriott.
Union No. 17.	"	L. R. Loftin, E. W. Hines, F. A. Millard.

Visiter.—J. McDuffie.

The Election of officers then took place, and resulted in the election of

M. E. P. W. Fanning,	of Wilmington,	G. H. P.
" " Louis Bond,	of Tarboro',	G. King.
" " W. W. Brickell,	of Halifax,	G. Scribe.
" T. W. Brown,	of Wilmington,	G. Treasurer.
" R. G. Rankin,	of Wilmington,	G. Sec.
" A. Paul Repiton,	of Wilmington,	G. Chaplain.
" J. W. Cosby,	of Raleigh,	G. Marshal.

Companion Pender asked and obtained leave of absence for the balance of the session—also, the Delegates from Union Chapter No. 17.

On motion of Companion Rankin,

Ordered, That the sum of Twenty Dollars be paid to the Grand Secretary, by the Grand Treasurer.

Companion P. W. Fanning offered the following Resolution, which was adopted—

Whereas, it has been represented that Union Chapter No. 17, has been at considerable expense in erecting a building for Masonic purposes, which their pecuniary circumstances will not enable them to complete—therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter appropriate the sum of Fifteen Dollars to aid Union Chapter in its laudable undertaking, and which the Grand Treasurer is hereby authorized to hand over.

Also, the following Resolution, which was unanimously passed—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered the Grand Secretary, Louis C. Pender, for the promptness and ability with which he has discharged the duties of his office.

Companion Burr moved

That the Installation of Officers Elect take place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and that M. E. G. H. P., A. Martin, be requested to officiate on the occasion, which was adopted.

The Grand Chapter called off from labor, to refreshment until 10 o'clock, to-morrow.

L. C. PENDER, Grand Sec.'y.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6TH, 1849—10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The M. E. Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. Alfred Martin,	G. H. P.
" " P. W. Fanning,	G. K.
" " Lewis Bond,	G. S. p. t.
" T. W. Brown,	G. T.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. Sec.'y, p. t.
" J. W. Cosby,	G. M. p. t.
" A. P. Repiton,	G. P. S. p. t.
" W. W. Brickell,	G. R. A. C. p. t.
" J. T. Marriott,	G. M. 3 V. p. t.
" T. Loring,	G. M. 2 V. p. t.
" D. Teller,	G. M. 1 V p. t.
" Jno. Banks.	G. Tyler

Representatives from Subordinate Chapters:

Concord No. 1, Companions T. Burr, Jr., R. G. Rankin.
Roanoke No. 4, Companion W. W. Brickell.
Concord No. 5, Companion Lewis Bond.
Raleigh No. 10, Companions J. W. Cosby, J. T. Marriott.

Visiters.—Companions W. W. Harriss, H. P. Russell, A. P. Repiton, T. Loring, D. Teller.

The following Companions were then duly installed in their respective offices, by P. G. H. P. A. Martin:

M. E. P. W. Fanning,	G. H. P.
" " Lewis Bond,	G. K.
" W. W. Brickell,	G. S.
" T. W. Brown,	G. T.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. Sec'y.
" Rev. A. P. Repiton,	G. Chaplain.
" J. W. Cosby,	G. Marshal.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed M. E. W. G. Hill, of Raleigh, D. G. H. P., and Companion John Banks, Grand Tyler.

On motion it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due to P. G. H. P. A. Martin, for the zeal and fidelity he has ever manifested in the discharge of his official duties as well as his uniform courtesy as a Companion.

The Committee on Chapters of Edenton and Windsor, made the following report:

The Committee appointed on that portion of the M. E. G. H. P's address, relating to Edenton and Windsor Chapters, recommend that the whole matter be again referred to the G. H. Priest, who is hereby authorised to take discretionary steps in the premises; even to the suspension or expulsion of any or all the parties above implicated, who may in anywise manifest refractory dispositions.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING, } Committee.
T. BURR, Jr., }

The Committee on the Funds of the Old Grand Chapter, submitted the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. E. G. H. P., relating to the Funds of the Old Grand Chapter, recommend that the matter be referred to the M. E. G. H. P. to investigate and settle.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. COSBY,
R. G. RANKIN.

The Committee on Returns reported.

The Committee on returns beg leave to report, that returns from Concord Chapter No. 1, Wilmington, Concord Chapter No. 5, Tarboro', Raleigh Chapter No. 10, Raleigh, Union Chapter No. 17, Duplin, and Gaston Chapter No. 18, Roxboro', Person County, under Dispensation, have been placed in their hands, examined and found correct, exeept some informality in the list of officers and members of some Chapters; the names of the officers being included in both lists, and some informality in not making use of proper Masonic language, which your Committee believe should always be preserved; in the latter case, your Committee allude to Gaston Chap., Roxboro'. By the above returns it appears that during the last year, Concord Chapter No. 1, has exalted Thirteen, Raleigh No. 10. Sixteen, Union Chap. No. 17, One, and Gaston Chap. No. 18, Fourteen, in all Forty-four exaltations, but your Committee have to regret that the returns show that there have been six deaths during the same period of time. Your Committee further state that no other returns from Chapters have come into their hands but those abone enumerated.

LEWIS BOND, Chairman.

The Committee on Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters, made the following report:

The Committee on Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters beg leave to report, that the Proceedings of Gaston Chapter No. 18, Roxborough, are the only Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters, which have come into their hands, and the Committee on Dispensations and Charters having reported on the proceedings of said Chapter supercedes the necessity of any further Report of this Committee. The Committee, therefore, request to be discharged.

LEWIS BOND, Chairman.

And the Committee on Accounts reported.

Report of Committee on Accounts.

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to report, that they have discharged the duty assigned to them, and find that the Books of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer have been well and correctly kept, and proper vouchers exhibited for all payments.

By the Report of Committee on Accounts for past year, a balance was in hands of Grand Treasurer, of $113 40

Receipts for present year have been from

Concord Chapter	No. 1,	dues to	1850	15 00
Roanoke "	No. 4,	"	1849	15 00
Concord "	No. 5,	"	1850	15 00
Raleigh "	No. 10,	"	1849	15 00
Gaston "	No. 18,	"	Dispensation,	50 00
				$223 00

The payments are, to G. Secretary, and for printing proceedings, } 43 10

Leaving balance in hands of G. Treasurer of $180 30

The following Chapters are in arrears:

Union	No. 17,	Duplin,	one year, to 1849	$15 00
Phœnix	No. 2,	Fayetteville,	two years, " "	30 00
Eureka	No. 7,	Newbern,	" " " "	30 00
Gaston	No. 18,	Roxboro',	Under Dispensation,	
		Dues, Exaltation 14 Companions, at $2 00,		28 00
				$103 00

A few claims not yet audited by the Committee on Claims, are to be paid, which will reduce the present amount in hands of Grand Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. BRICKELL,
R. G. RANKIN.

All of which were received and adopted.

The Grand Chapter then called off from labor to refreshment, until 3 o'clock, P. M.

R. G. RANKIN, G. Sec'y.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

The M. E. Grand Chapter met and resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. P. W. Fanning,	G. H. P.
" " A. Martin,	P. G. H. P.
" " Lewis Bond,	G. K.
" " W. W. Brickell,	G. S.
" T. W. Brown,	G. T.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. Sec.'y.
" J. W. Cosby,	G. M.
" T. Burr, Jr..	G. P. S. p. t.
" H. P. Russell,	G. M. A. C. p. t.
" D. Teller,	G. M. 3 V. p. t.
" A. P. Repiton,	G. M. 2 V. p. t.
" J. T. Marriott,	G. M. 1 " "
" J. Banks,	G. Tyler.

And the Representatives from Subordinate Chapters:

Concord No. 1, Com. R. G. Rankin, and T. Burr, Jr.
Roanoke " 4, " W. W. Brickell.
Concord " 5, " Lewis Bond.
Raleigh " 10, " J. W. Cosby, and J. T. Marriott.

Visiters.—Companions H. P. Russell, D. Teller, and J. Wilkinson.

By request, the Grand Chapter called off for the purpose of giving Concord Chapter No. 1, the use of the Hall for a short time, and then resumed labor.

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred that portion of the M. E. G. H. P.'s address relating to Eureka Chapter No. 7, reported.

The Committee on Returns to whom was referred that portion of the M. E. G. High Priest's address, concerning Eureka Chapter No. 7, recommend that the subject be referred to the M. E. Grand High Priest, for his consideration hereafter. L. BOND, Chairman.

Which was received and adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence made the following report:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of North Carolina:

The Committee on Foreign Communications, in deprecating censure for a meagre and imperfect report, have the unpleasant duty of stating in extenuation of their unavoidable delinquency, the circumstance, that, with a single exception only, all the Grand Chapters of the United States have failed to forward to this Body, copies of their Proceedings. Indiana alone, has been mindful of that courtesy and good feeling, characteristic of the Brotherhood, and which in so eminent a degree tends to the cultivation of pure Fraternal emotions. The oversight in our Sister State jurisdictions (for we cannot for a moment entertain the idea that it was intentional neglect) is to be regretted for various reasons. Apart from the interest naturally consequent upon the assemblage of the recognized head of a powerful institution, frosted with age, but strong in a vitality superior to change and time, are the evidences of its progress, its capacity for doing good, and the adjudication of Masonic principles and conflicting law. The Committee in the absence of the reports of the several Grand Jurisdictions are deprived of the benefit of these influences, and are dependent solely upon the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of Indiana, for the little information it is in its power to communicate. From it we gather that the spirit of Masonry is fulfilling its high destiny as a great moral agent in the amelioration of the human family, that peace and good feeling generally prevail throughout the different jurisdictions, and that the beautiful tenets and professions of the Institution are silently recommending themselves to the affections of the world, through the efficacious agency of their practice and illustration. In the proceedings above alluded to, the Committee discover several topics of interest to the Fraternity, which it is their desire to present for the action of this Grand Chapter—and one of which is the long mooted question "Can a Royal Arch Mason be ex-

pelled or suspended from a regular Chapter, after a legal notice of charges and proper hearing, for un-masonic conduct, and remain in good standing and fellowship with Master Masons?" Your Committee are of the opinion that expulsion from a Chapter, does not necessarily deprive the delinquent of his right of membership in a Blue Lodge. In their humble judgment, the degrees from Entered Apprentice up to Royal Arch, constitute two separate, and distinct, and beautiful branches of one and the same Institution, governed by the same laws, and founded for the same beneficent aim—yet apart for practical purposes. The By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of a Chapter, may be violated, as in the non-payment of dues, yet the Brother may be square with the Treasurer of the Blue Lodge on his Books—and in other respects, be a valuable member. A forfeiture of his rights, therefore, for a mere omission of a duty involving in itself no moral turpitude, but caused perhaps, from accidental circumstances, or the necessities of situation, seems unjust and harsh, and not warranted by the Constitutions. Such, at least, has been the construction in this Institution—and one in which we concur.

Another topic of interest, is the position of the Degrees of Royal and Select Master, and their parent head. "Whether they attach to a Chapter, or are subject to a Grand Council—and whether they should not be conferred before the Royal Arch?" We believe it has been the practice in this State to confer those Degrees after the Royal Arch, and in the absence of a Grand Council, by regular Chapters. Your Committee are free to acknowledge that the Degrees above stated, in their humble judgment, appear to be the peculiar and almost necessary property of the Chapters, (and should in all cases be conferred prior to the Royal Arch.) In this arrangement, they present "a most expressive and beautiful chain of traditionary history," which is rendered disjointed and incomplete by any other position. Even the Royal Arch Degree, the summit of Masonry, is unsatisfactory and imperfect without the explanation afforded by them. Your committee are perfectly aware that this

construction comes in conflict with high Masonic authority in this Jurisdiction, but they feel encouraged by the co-operation of the Grand Chapters of at least Virginia and Florida in this view of the subject, and probably other State Grand Bodies. At all events, whether it be the established law or a violation thereof, every intelligent mind must acknowledge that the Chapter Degrees are rendered infinitely more connected, interesting, and beautiful by this arrangement than the other.

In all cases of disputed law, it is right and proper that there should be an arbiter in the last resort—a parent head, whose adjudication should be final and conclusive, whose settlement of mooted points should be acknowledged and obeyed. And for this purpose the Institution should possess inherent power to *compel* obedience to its mandates—it should be learned—vigilant and firm, temperate, just, prudent, and inflexible—deciding questions after painful research, mature deliberation, and solemn convictions, and afterwards upholding them with consistency. If it fail in this—if it neglect any of its high duties—if its decisions are not respected or regarded and it cannot compel obedience—it is worse than useless—it is in fact injurious—it cannot answer the purposes of its creation and should therefore be annihilated. It has been affirmed by some of the Grand Chapters that the General Grand Chapter of the United States has not fulfilled the objects of its establishment, that it does not settle *Masonic Law*, "preserve the ancient land marks of the Order from innovation, and determine a uniform mode of working." If this be so, (and we quote from the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Florida, which institution has withdrawn its allegiance or connection from the General Grand Chapter,) it is most certainly deeply to be regretted. Your Committee are decidedly in favor of a Supreme Tribunal for the purpose of procuring uniformity, when that design is fully carried into effect, but an inefficient head retards progress, is inconvenient and oppressive, and presents a false position before the world. An Institution cherished and obeyed by a portion of its Sub-

ordinates—neglected by a second—and treated with contumely and contempt by a third, affords by its anomalous situation the best commentary upon the value and purposes of its creation. Your Committee are not prepared to affirm that the General Grand Chapter has failed in its high functions, or will not in time discharge its delicate and onerous duties, but they will say with regret that it does not pay that close attention to details which in the judgment of your Committee is requisite. It also appears to their minds that the decisions of that Grand Body upon conflicting Masonic points, (and which are constantly arising,) are delayed too great a length of time in consequence of its Convocations occurring but once in three years. The meetings should be more frequent—errors and irregularities under this arrangement may exist for that period to the great detriment of the Craft, when they might be corrected or abolished. In conclusion the Committee desire, briefly to felicitate their Companions, upon the onward progress of Masonry—its invisible and powerful links are binding together all the nations and tongues of the earth. May it be so ever! Happy is he who with penetrating eye can survey and admire its external form and beauty, and looking further and deeper than the surface, radiant with light though it be, catch glimpses of the divine Spirit of Truth beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

TALCOTT BURR, Jr, Chairman.
JAMES T. MARRIOTT.

When on motion to receive and adopt, it was

Resolved, That that portion of the report relating to the Royal and Select Degrees, be referred to a special Committee of three, to report at the next Annual Convocation, and that the balance be received and adopted.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed Companions A. Martin, P. G. H. P., J. W. Cosby and E. L. Winslow, said Committee.

Companion Cosby submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted—

Resolved, That no Chapter under this jurisdiction shall confer the Chapter degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, M. E. Master, Royal Arch, or Royal and Select Master, upon any one hailing from the jurisdiction of another Grand Chapter. Nor shall they confer the same on any Mason hailing from another State unless he shall produce a written permission signed by the High Priest and Secretary of the Chapter nearest his place of residence. Any Chapter acting contrary to this Resolution, shall forfeit the fees received for such exaltation to the Chapter under whose jurisdiction the one so exalted resided, except in the case of his being a non resident of this State—when the fees shall be forfeited to the Grand Chapter.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to St. John's Lodge No. 1, and Concord Chapter No. 1, for the use of their Hall, and for their polite attention to the comfort and convenience of the members of this Grand Body.

On motion of Companion Burr,

Resolved That 250 copies of these proceedings be published under the supervision of the Grand Secretary, and that the names of the officers and their places of residence be printed in a conspicuous portion thereof. Also, that they be distributed to the different Subordinate Chapters, and Grand Chapters of the different States, and the General Grand Chapter of the United States, with all possible dispatch.

P. G. H. P. A. Martin offered the following resolution, which was adopted—

Whereas, it has been represented to this Grand Chapter, that some of the Chapters in this jurisdiction require instruction and assistance in conferring the Degrees—therefore

Resolved, That the M. E. G. H. P. be instructed to enquire of them if such is the case, and if necessary, send some one who is competent to assist them.

The Grand Chapter called off until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

R. G. RANKIN, Grand Secretary.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7TH, 1849—10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The M. E. Grand Chapter met and resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. P. W. Fanning,	G. H. P.
" " Alfred Martin,	P. G. H. P.
" " Lewis Bond,	G. K.
" W. W. Brickell,	G. S.
" D. Teller,	G. T. p. t.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. Sec.'y.
" J. W. Cosby,	G. M.
" D. McRae,	G. P. S. p. t.
" D. McMillan,	G. R. A. C. p. t.
" J. Walker, Jr.,	G. M. 3 V. p. t.
" J. T. Marriott,	G. M. 2 V. p. t.
" T. Burr, Jr.,	G. M. 1 V. p. t.
" Jno. Banks,	G. Tyler.

Representatives from Subordinate Chapters.

Concord No. 1,	Companions	T. Burr, Jr., R. G. Rankin.
Roanoke No. 4,	"	W. W. Brickell.
Concord No. 5,	"	Lewis Bond,
Raleigh No. 10,	"	J. W. Cosby, J. T. Marriott.

Visiters.—D. McMillan, J. Walker, Jr., D. Teller and D. McRae.

P. G. H. P. offered the following Resolution:

Whereas the Royal and Select Degrees are claimed by many of the Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in this country, as well as by the Councils of R. and S. Masters—therefore

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter, that the only way in which this question can be permanently, and amicably settled, will be for the General Grand Chapter, at its next Convocation, to recommend a Convocation of Delegates from each Chapter claiming the Degrees, as well as the Councils and other Associations making claim thereto, for the purpose of determining to whom they properly belong, and confirming one or the other of the claimants in the right to them.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter closed in ample form, to meet again on the first Monday in June next.

R. G. RANKIN, G. Sec'y.

Returns of Chapters working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

Concord Chapter, No. 1,—Wilmington.

OFFICERS:

M. E.	Isaac Northrop,	High Priest.
" "	James T. Miller,	King.
" "	D. A. Lamont,	Scribe.
Comp.	A. Paul Repiton,	Secretary.
"	John A. Taylor,	Treasurer.
"	Robert G. Rankin,	Captain of the Host.
"	George Harriss,	Principal Sojourner.
"	John H. Dall,	Royal Arch Captain.
"	Henry P. Russell,	Master 3d Veil.
"	John Walker, Jr.,	Master 2d Veil.
"	Robert Fenner,	Master 1st Veil.
"	A. Paul Repiton,	Chaplain.
"	John Banks,	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

Alfred Martin,
A. B. Chesnut,
Alexander MacRae, Sr.,
Phineas W. Fanning,
Thomas Marshall,
Treat F. Peck,
Thomas Cowan,
Owen Fennell,
George R. French,
J. R. Redman,
Solomon Teller,
Thomas F. Gause,
Thomas J. Faison,
John Christian,
William W. Harriss,
William Closs,
Eli V. Kelly,
Talcott Burr, Jr.,
Benjamin G. Bates,
John Walker, Jr.,
Lewis H. Marsteller,
Stephen D. Wallace,
Charles B. Morris,
John Smith,
Elias Wolfe,
Thomas D. Meares,
Thomas W. Brown,
John S. James,
O. M. Chesnut,
D. E. Roberts,
Joseph Wilkinson,
John D. Powers,
William D. Smith,
William C. Parks,
Robert Maxwell,
William A. Burr,
Dougald McMillan,
J. R. Beaman.

J. A. Silliman, Cyrus Packard,
E. J. Lutterloh, D. Teller,
Alexander MacRae, Jr., Joseph Green,
Asa A. Brown, Isaac B. Smith,
William Murphy.

Admitted 1; Exalted 13; Withdrawn 0; Deaths 0; Expulsions 0; Suspensions 0; Rejections 1.

Phœnix, No. 2,—Fayetteville.—No Returns.

Roanoke, No. 4,—Halifax—Rec'd since G. Convocation.

OFFICERS:

M. E. C. N. Webb,		High Priest.
" E. W. W. Brickell,		King.
" E. Wm. L. Long,		Scribe.
Comp.	A. V. Russell,	C. H.
"	W. W. Daniel,	P. S.
"	John T. Pope,	R. A. C.
"	Geo. W. Owen,	Master 3d Veil.
"	Wm. E. Lane,	" " 2d "
"	Wm. H. Underhill,	" " 1st "
"	F. S. Marshall,	Treasurer.
"	J. J. Anderson,	Secretary.
		Janitor.

MEMBERS:

Chas. N. Webb, A. V. Russell,
John T. Pope, J. J. Anderson,
William L. Long, F. S. Marshall,
George W. Owens, J. R. Wilkes,
W. W. Daniel, W. W. Brickell,
W. H. Underhill, Cyprian Cross,
H. A. Sledge, Hezekiah Lassiter,
John W. Heptinstall, T. S. Brownlow,
James B. Yellowley, Cary Whitaker,

James Simmons,
Alfred W. Simmons,
George W. Gary,
William E. Lane,
Albert G. Jones,
M. C. Whitaker,
Sterling H. Gee,
T. L. B. Gregory,
Rev. Thos. G. Lowe,
William H. Ponton,
James W. Faucell.

J. J. ANDERSON, Secretary.

Concord, No. 5,—Tarboro'.

M. E.	Louis Bond,	High Priest.
" "	William Norfleet,	King.
" "	Benjamin Batts,	Scribe.
Comp.	Louis C. Pender,	Secretary.
"	James F. Jenkins,	Treasurer.
"	William S. Baker,	Captain of the Host.
"	William H. Hines,	Principal Sojourner.
"	Simmons B. Staton,	Royal Arch Captain.
"	Arthur S. Mooring,	Master 3d Veil,
"	Bryant Bennett,	" 2d Veil,
"	Solomon Pender,	" 1st Veil,
"	Robert H. Pender,	Janitor.

MEMBERS:

Benjamin M. Jackson,
William D. Bryan,
Daniel S. Crenshaw,
William H. Smith,
Bryant Bennett,
William H. Smith,
John H. Drake,
Arthur K. Barlow,
Arthur S. Mooring,
Josiah S. Pender,
John Mooring,
Andrew E. Gills,
Jesse H. Drake,
William Crocket.

Exaltations, 0; Rejections, 0; Withdrawals, 0; Deaths, 2; Expulsions, 0; Suspensions, 0.

LEWIS BOND, High Priest.

L. C. PENDER, Secretary.

Eureka Chapter, No. 7,—Newbern.—No Returns.

Raleigh, No. 10,—Raleigh.

OFFICERS:

M. E.	William G. Hill,	High Priest.
" "	Charles H. Johnson,	King.
" "	Dabny Cosby,	Scribe.
Comp.	William H. Mead,	Captain of the Host.
"	William D. Cooke,	Principal Sojourner.
"	Robert W. Seawell,	Royal Arch Captain.
"	James T. Marriott,	Master 3d Veil.
"	J. J. Biggs,	Master 2d Veil.
"	J. R. Harrison,	Master 1st Veil.
"	William F. Collins,	Treasurer.
"	William D. Haywood,	Secretary.
"	Richard W. Ashton,	Janitor.

MEMBERS:

Joseph T. Hunter,	James G. Jeffreys,
John W. Cosby,	Joseph Woltering,
Willie W. Johnson,	Alston A. Jones,
William T. Bain,	Willie D. Jones,
Daniel B. Griffin,	C. W. D. Hutchings,
James D. Newsom,	Joseph D. Powell,
J. M. Lovejoy,	W. J. Clark.

Exalted 16; Suspended 0; Expelled 0; Rejected 0; Deaths 2; Withdrawals 0.

WM. G. HILL, High Priest.
WM. DALLAS HAYWOOD, Secretary.

Zerubbabel, No. 11,—Edenton.—No Returns.

Union, No. 17,—Duplin.

OFFICERS:

M. E.	Luther R. Loftin,	High Priest.
" "	Eli M. Hines,	King.
" "	Felix B. Millard,	Scribe.
Comp.	Joel Loftin,	Capt. of the Host.

Comp.	Wm. F. Pollock,	Principal Sojourner.
"	Samuel Loftin,	Royal Arch Captain,
"	Benj. C. Bowden,	Master 3d Veil.
"	James M. Blount,	Master 2d Veil.
"	Buckner Bowden,	Master 1st Veil.
"	James G. Dickson,	Treasurer.
"	C. D. Hill,	Secretary.
"	John F. Rhodes,	Janitor.

MEMBERS:

L. R. Loftin,
Eli M. Hines,
John F. Rhodes,
C. J. Oates,
John Wright,
William F. Pollock,
James G. Dickson,
C. D. Hill,
David Wright,
James Winders,
G. W. Wallace,
Samuel Loftin,
Daniel B. Newton,
James Griswold,
Joel Loftin,
D. Jones,
John E. Beckton,
Daniel Glisson,
Daniel Bowden,
B. B. Allen,
Jesse J. Baker,
B. Bowden,
A. R. Hicks,
Henry Swinson,
James W. Blount,
B. C. Bowden,
Felix B. Millard,
Oates S. Lewis,
Uzzell G. Harold,
W. Hallowell,
James M. McDuffy.

Exalted 1; Rejected 1; Withdrawn 0; Deaths 2; Expelled 0; Suspended 0.

J. R. LOFTIN, High Priest.

C. D. Hill, Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

FOURTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

IN

WILMINGTON, N. C.,

ON

MONDAY, THIRD DAY OF JUNE,

A. L. 5850, A. I. 2380, A. D 1850.

WILMINGTON:

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1850.

PROCEEDINGS OF

The Fourth Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, begun and held in the HALL OF ST JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1, *in Wilmington, N. C., on Monday, the 3d day of June,* A. D., 1850, A. I., 2380.

PRESENT:

M. E. P. W. Fanning,	G. H. Priest.
" " J. T. Marriott,	G. K. p. t.
" " A. T. Jerkins,	G. S. p. t.
" Thos. W. Brown,	G. Tr.
" Rob't G. Rankin,	G. Sec'y,
" J. W. Cosby,	G. M.
" L. L. Stevenson,	G. P. S. p. t.
" A. Martin,	G. R. A. C. p. t.
" D. Teller,	G. M. 3 Veil, p. t.
" A. P. Repiton, G. C., and	G. M. 2 Veil, p. t.
" Asa A. Brown,	G. M. 1 Veil, p. t.
" John Banks,	G. Tyler.

Representatives from Subordinate Chapters.

Concord No. 1, R. G. Rankin, H. P., A. A. Brown, S.
Eureka No. 7, A. T. Jerkins, H. P.
Raleigh No. 10, J. W. Cosby, James T. Marriott.

Prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Chapter opened in Solemn form.

The M. E. G. H. Priest appointed the following Committees—

On Credentials, Companions Martin, and Cosby.
On Unfinished Business, Jerkins, and Rankin.

The Grand Chapter called off from labor to refreshment, 'till 3 P. M.

MONDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. P. W. Fanning,	G. H. P.
" " A. Martin,	P. G. H. P.
" " Thos. W. Brown,	G. Treas.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. Sec'y.
" J. W. Cosby,	G. M
" John Banks,	G. Tyler.

Representatives from Subordinate Chapters.

Concord No. 1, R. G. Rankin, H. P., Asa A. Brown, S.
Concord No. 5, Wm. Geo. Thomas, H. P.
Eureka No. 7, A. T. Jerkins, H. P.
Raleigh No. 10, J. W. Cosby, J. T. Marriott.
Union No. 17, E. W. Hines, H. P., L. R. Loftin.

VISITORS—M. E. L. L. Stevenson, P. G. H. P., of Grand Chapter of Virginia. Companions T. Marshall, Thos. J. Hudson, T. Burr, Jr, and D. McRae.

Companion Martin, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Credentials have performed the duty assigned them, and find the Credentials from the following Chapters correct.

From Concord Chapter, No. 1, Wilmington, M. E. R. G. Rankin, L. H. Marsteller, and A. A. Brown. Concord Chapter No. 5, Tarboro', M. E. W. G. Thomas. Raleigh Chapter No. 10, Raleigh, J. W. Cosby, and J. T. Marriott. Eureka Chapter No. 7, Newbern, M. E. A. T. Jerkins. Union Chapter No. 17, Duplin, M. E. E. W. Hines, and L. R. Loftin.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MARTIN, } *Committee.*
J. W. COSBY, }

The Resolution of Companion Cosby, published on page 20, printed proceedings of last Convocation, was ordered to be corrected and is as follows:

Resolved, That no Chapter under this jurisdiction shall confer the Chapter degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, M. E. Master, Royal Arch, or

Royal and Select Master, upon any one hailing from the jurisdiction of another Chapter; nor shall they confer the same on any Mason hailing from another State, unless he shall produce a written permission signed by the High Priest and Secretary of the Chapter nearest his place of residence.—Any Chapter acting contrary to this Resolution, shall forfeit the fees received for such exaltation to the Chapter under whose jurisdiction the one so exalted resided, except in the case of his being a non-resident of this State—when the fees shall be forfeited to the Grand Chapter.

The M. E. G. H. P, announced the following standing Committees:

On proceedings and returns of Subordinate Chapters, Companions Marriott, and T. W. Brown.

On Foreign Communications, Companions Rankin, Thomas, and Cosby.

On Dispensations and Charters, Companions Martin, and Loftin.

On Accounts, Companions Cosby, and Hines.

On Claims, Companions Jerkins, and A. A. Brown.

Companion Martin introduced the following Preamble and Resolution, which was adopted—

WHEREAS, by dispensation of Providence, and from other causes beyond its control, Eureka Chapter, No. 7, revived by the Grand Chapter in 1848, has been dormant during the years 1848–'49, and but recently revived again.

RESOLVED, That the sum of $30 charged against said Chapter for dues, during the time of its suspension, be remitted.

The M. E. G. H. P. submitted his annual Report, which was received, ordered to be spread upon the minutes and referred to a special Committee, consisting of Companions Martin and Jerkins, for disposal of its various subjects.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER:

We have assembled, Companions, in obedience to Constitutional provision, to perform the high and responsible duties devolving upon us, in the character of Parent Head of Royal Arch Masonry in North Carolina. As we are now, within this temple, to enter upon our labors, let us view the place whereon we stand as holy ground, putting off our shoes from off our feet, lest we commit offence—and more especially let us divest our minds of every selfish consideration, of every intruding feeling not in perfect harmony with the principles we profess, of every prejudice and every insinuating impulse, calculated in the remotest degree to mar our deliberations or dishonor the noble cause which we are so solemnly obligated to protect and promote. But above all, let us invoke upon our present communication the blessing of the Supreme High Priest who presides in the celestial Grand Chapter above—whose decorations are even as the enchantments of Heaven, and into which the secret of initiation to every created being will be worth a world!

It is incumbent on the Presiding Officer to exercise a general supervision throughout all the departments of his jurisdiction, to notice all passing events connected with the interest of the Institution, to communicate annually to the Grand Chapter the condition of the craft, and to propose such measures for their consideration as, in his judgment, may seem best calculated to promote the grand object of our association.

While it is always painful, to the upright Mason, to perceive that difficulties and schisms are at times permitted to spring up in some divisions of our wide spread Order, yet there is a never failing consolation in the persuasion, forcing to a conviction, that all such discordant propensities will finally yield to those benign influences, peculiar to every Mason who kneels, without hypocricy, around our sacred altars, and there participates in those pure and holy offerings which unerringly ascend to Heaven, to be blessed of God. A better state of feeling already begins to manifest itself even in those sections which have been disaffected; and as a consequence, breaches, more or less alarming, have been healed, and harmony restored. I am not aware, at this moment, that there exists among the fraternity, with perhaps a single exception, any disturbing question of moment, but what may and will be readily settled on the square. To maintain a good understanding in individual intercourse, to cherish a reciprocal regard for the rights and privileges of each other, and to evince the desire of cultivating and extending fraternal relations, are evidently predominating sentiments throughout the entire Masonic association.

In speaking of the condition of the Order within our own immediate jurisdiction, I am truly gratified in being able to represent it under as favorable auspices as the most enthusiastic could reasonably expect or desire. Our Chapters, generally, in the r disposition, are healthy and flourishing, advancing steadily in the elements of usefulness. From most of the Chapters I have flattering accounts, and all appear anxious to sustain a reproachless reputation. I am aware of no discordant feelings existing in any quarter within our authority—on the contrary, there seems rather to be a commendable disposition to seek the true path of duty, and firmly to walk therein.

I will now proceed to spread before you an account of my own particular stewardship, during the recess of the Grand Chapter. To "Gaston Chapter No. 18," at Roxboro', I issued a Charter, the necessary requisitions having been complied with.

On proper application, I revived the Charter of "Chorizon Chapter No. 13," at Greensboro'. The fees in both cases have been placed in the Grand Treasury.

On application, in proper form, I granted a Dispensation for a new Chapter at Plymouth. with the name "Key Stone"—John Mc C. Boyle, H. P., Kader Biggs, K., Thos. E. Pender, S.

Also, on similar application, I granted a Dispensation for a new Chapter at Salisbury, by the name of "Salisbury"—Ezekiel Myers, H. P., Myer Myers, K., Arch'd A. Caldwell, S. The fees in both instances deposited as above. Applieation for Charters will probably be made at the present Convocation.

With other Companions from this place, I some time since visited Duplin, and installed the Officers of "Union Chapter No. 17." The ceremonies were performed in public, and a chaste Masonic address was delivered before a large and respectable assemblage. The effect was most gratifying.

On St. John's day I installed the officers of Concord Chapter No. 1, in this town—likewise public.

On two occasions I summoned a Convention of High Priests. and duly invested with the Degree of High Priesthood, Companions E. W. Hines, H. P. of Union Chapter No. 17, and R. G. Rankin, H. P. of Concord Chapter No. 1, both of whom I installed.

By action of the last Grand Chapter, the whole matter relative to Edenton and Windsor Chapters was referred to the G. H. Priest, with discriminating powers in

the premises. I am sorry to say that my efforts to obtain light, have not thus far been satisfactory. I wrote to Brother John Thompson, of Edenton, requesting him to examine into the condition of Zerubbabel Chapter, and report to me all particulars connected therewith; to which I am pleased to say, he responded very promptly. He represents the Chapter as having ceased work altogether, since the death of its High Priest, T. V. Hathaway; and that for some time previous it had worked very irregularly from various causes, until finally it ceased work altogether, and has remained in that condition for about two years. Immediately on receiving this information, I commissioned Brother Thompson, in case there was no prospect of an effort being speedily made to have the Chapter re-instated, to take charge, in behalf of the Grand Chapter, of all its effects. I likewise enclosed a requisition on the Secretary and other persons having property belonging thereto in hand, to deliver the same over as above. No communication has since been received from Brother Thompson.

At the same time I wrote Brother John R. Gilliam, of Windsor, to the same purport touching Windsor Chapter, but have yet received no reply.

It was also referred to the G. H. Priest to look into the affairs of Eureka Chapter; consequently, I addressed a communication to the High Priest, asking information, and received a prompt answer from M. E. A. T. Jerkins, stating that the Chapter, owing to uncontrolable circumstances, had remained in the same unfortunate condition as when last reported—recently, however, it had been revived by Companion Stevenson, so that their path had become brightened, and that they were now encouraged by cheering prospects for the future. A respectable Representation from that Chapter may be expected.

I also addressed the High Priest of Phoœnix Chapter No. 2, relative to its condition, and received a brief reply—it may be Represented the present session.

I am happy to Report that the matter relative to the old Grand Chapter Funds has been settled through Companion W. G. Hill, D. G. H. P., and that the amount of $100 has been paid over, and received in full for the indebtedness of the former G Treasurer, Companion E. B. Freeman, and is now placed in the Grand Treasury. Companion Freeman has always expressed a willingness to make a settlement, whenever the amount of his liability could be satisfactorily ascertained, the difficulty being occasioned by the loss of vouchers, but is now adjusted according to his best recollections.

I deem no further action by the Grand Chapter, on the above cases, at the present time, advisable, the existing Resolutions being of sufficient force to accomplish all that is designed or can be expected; and I have faith that further efforts will be attended with happier results.

All the correspondence connected with these and other official duties are subject to the inspection of the Grand Chapter.

Companion L. L. Stevenson, Grand Lecturer of Virginia, having been commissioned by the Grand Lodge of our State to impart instructions to the several Subordinate Lodges, and being conversant with the Lectures and Work of the Arch Degrees, I thought the occasion of his visits would afford a favorable opportunity to the Chapters to enlist his services and profit by his teachings; accordingly, I authorized him to respond to any calls designed to promote the views herein expressed.

From the nature of their appointment, which cannot easily be remedied, it is well known that Committees of the Grand Chapter, as of other similar Bodies, are generally pressed for time to enable them sufficiently to investigate the various subjects committed to their charge, or to embody in a satisfactory form their conclusions; hence, they are often compelled to make hasty Reports, shadowing forth in some instances, positions not altogether defensible; and in others, adopting phraseology liable to be disadvantageously construed. In thus alluding to this evil, my object is to suggest to those liable to come in conflict, extreme caution on the one hand; and on the other, generous forbearance.

A Resolution, requiring of all Chapters applying for a Charter a fee of $2 for each initiation, said to have been adopted by the Grand Chapter, was inadvertently omitted in the

printed Proceedings, causing Gaston Chapter to demur, justly perhaps, to a requisition which had not been promulgated. And I would now suggest the propriety of dispensing with that rule, provided it be satisfactorily ascertained that other resources will amply supply the Grand Treasury. Young Chapters, with feeble means, may sometimes be seriously oppressed by such exactions, however small, especially where resort is had, as is often the case, to individual contributions to meet emergencies.

In looking over the Grand Constitution, it seems to me to be defective in many particulars, some of which I deem it a duty to bring to your notice, as follows:

1st. In organizing a Grand Chapter, it is not provided what number of Chapters Represented shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2d. In balloting, no provision is made, stipulating the number of votes each Chapter shall be entitled to cast—in other instances the number of votes allowed can only be determined by inference.

3d, Article Third is deficient relative to the vote necessary in the election of Officers.

4th. A form of Declaration, for the fulfilment of duties, to be made by each Grand Officer previous to assuming his station, would not be out of place.

5th. No provision is made for the call of special meetings of the Grand Chapter.

6th. It is not prescribed as to what delinquencies shall subject a Chapter to suspension or forfeiture of Charter, or what shall be the disposition of its effects under such circumstances.

7th. There appears to be an important omission in not enumerating more fully the duties of Grand Secretary and Treasurer—in fact, the entire Constitution and By-Laws might be advantageously revised.

A uniformity of practice in regard to the opening in the several Degrees and of transacting business therein, does not prevail in our Chapters, nor is there an unanimity of sentiment thereon. This is certainly wrong; and it is respectfully submitted, that the propriety of providing a remedy be considered. On the occasion of being consulted by a Chapter, which declined opening in the Mark Degree for work, in consequence of not being able, for lack of numbers, to open first in the Arch, I commended the course pursued. It would unnecessarily consume your time by entering into a lengthened argument to prove the correctness of this position. The question has been emphatically settled in the Blue Lodge, that no business shall be transacted in the inferior Degrees, saving such only as belongs to the work thereof. To my mind the same Rule is applicable in the Chapter. Open first in the Superior Degree, which is competent to act upon any question legitimately coming before it; decide upon the work to be done; dispense with that Degree, open in the next appropriate, do the work, close, resume labor where you commenced, make up minutes, and close. Here is system, pursuing which none may err.

There exists in the Regulations of the Grand Chapter no provision relative to the physical qualifications of Candidates for admission. I notice in the Proceedings of one of the Grand Chapters, that the Grand High Priest decided against the admission of a Master Mason, in good standing, who had lost his right arm. Under similar circumstances, and being satisfied that the applicant was actuated by pure motives, and not likely, in consequence of the misfortune, to become a burden to the Institution, I should, with all deference, have given a different decision. I am fully aware of the objections that may be urged against such practice—but they are not of sufficient weight or moment to overcome my abhorrence of depriving a worthy individual of the sociabilities of life, simply on the plea that he was less fortunate and more philanthropic than myself, having lost an eye or a limb—and that, probably, in the humane act of rescuing from danger or destruction a fellow creature—possibly, by the visitation of God. Would we thus add to his calamity?

The General Grand Constitution requires an unanimous vote in the admittance to membership—the provision is omitted in our Constitution. In my humble opinion that matter should rest altogether with the Subordinates; and neither this or the G. G. Chapter should usurp the prerogative of prescribing the terms upon which the members of a Chapter shall accept associates. And while on this subject, I may as well express my views a little more fully. The Subordinates are undoubtedly bound faithfully to observe the Laws, Rules and Edicts of the Grand Chapter, without questioning their propriety; and in case of doubt, the construction of the Grand High Priest must, for the time being, put it to rest. If, in any instance, there be encroachments or error apparent, the proper remedy must be sought.

in the only legitimate way, by appeal to the fountain head. It should be understood, that for every unwarranted or oppressive act of the Grand Chapter, the Subordinate Chapters are themselves censurable; because, without their sanction, the cause of complaint could never have existed.

There are some objectionable articles in the General Grand Constitution, upon which I wish to obtain an expression by this Grand Chapter; but unfortunately there is not a copy of that instrument at my command. One article, however, occurs to me—and that, requiring a fee of $90 for a Charter. A charge so enormous, in every point of view, would seem to be almost a prohibition, and is uncalled for—$50 would be a little more within the bounds of reason. Another article, requiring an unconditional fee from all initiates, would be well amended, by leaving it with the Subordinates to exempt Clergymen at their discretion.

While I would maintain the right, thus respectfully to express disapprobation of exceptionable Ordinances which I am not at liberty to disobey, and to insist in a becoming spirit, for their modification; still, I cannot join with those in whom I perceive a disposition to disregard the enactments of the Gen'l Grand Chapter, and to treat with contumely the power which claims our allegiance, and which, under existing relations, we are bound to respect.—Without subordination and discipline, our Institution would crumble into dust—the very example we might set, so pernicious in its bearing, would justify, in time, a similar course, in all who fancied themselves aggrieved by the acts of any superior authority. Babel, in comparison with the condition of our Temples under such circumstances, would be a perfect Paradise. As a distinguished Mason has aptly said, it is true, that "without an uniform attention to discipline, no Society can expect to be permanently successful; and discipline can only be supported in all its beauty, and all its efficacy, by pursuing, in an undeviating course, that line of conduct marked out by the wisdom of our superior governors, and laid down, in broad characters, in the Book of Constitutions." And as another, equally deep in Masonic lore, has expressed—"without this spirit of subordination growing into a *habit* of obedience, you cannot hope for perfect harmony in your proceedings; with it, you not only insure harmony of action, but you insure also accuracy of decision." And again—"All that you have seen, my brethren, of beauty in our Order, has resulted from this spirit of obedience." Again, as in point, I quote the following sentiments from a recent Masonic Circular—"Subordination to the legally constituted authority, is a cardinal virtue, which should govern every good Mason who has the best interests of the Institution constantly in view. And so should every Subordinate Lodge be governed in like manner, by the same spirit of subordination; for it would be a matter of impossibility for our glorious and time-honored Order to exist for any length of time, without complete subordination in all things, to the Supreme Head of the Fraternity." My motive for dwelling thus particularly on this topic, will be readily appreciated, especially by those who are experienced in the duties and responsibilities of station, or conversant with the high toned opinions so often assumed.

The subject of the Royal and Select Degrees, threatens to become a very exciting topic of discussion among the several Bodies claiming jurisdiction over them; which, it is to be feared, may terminate in open rupture, without a due observance, by the parties interested, of the greatest circumspection to prevent it. The opinions of the most enlightened in regard to their origin, their legitimacy, their location, and their rightful claimant, are in conflict, and a kind of mystery seems to hang around them. As the Committee, entrusted with the investigation of that subject, will probably make an elaborate Report, I forbear entering into the merits of the question, and will simply premise, that those Degrees have been placed, by recognized authority, under the control of the several Chapters, within whose jurisdiction there exists no Council. That authority, as I believe, has given to them their only proper location—after the Arch. I do not insist upon their being the legitimate property of the Chapters; if such, however, be not the case, no time should be lost for their legal attainment, providing a consummation so devoutly to be wished were possible. This Grand Chapter can enter into no arrangement for the acquirement or disposal of those Degrees—that is the prerogative of the Gen. Grand Chapter, in whose councils, however, we have a voice and can exercise an influence.

I present a copy of the Act of Incorporation of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, which I recommend to be published in the Proceedings, for preservation.

I also recommend an appropriation, by the Grand Chapter, for the purpose of defraying the expense of a suitable set of Jewels and Collars, the cost of which may not exceed $200, specimens and estimates being in my possession.

Having communicated, imperfectly, all such matters as to me appear of interest to the craft, and freely expressed my views through the prosecution of that object, I will only add a word in regard to the Chapters, whose condition at the present time, seems to require no extended legislation, and whose operations will be least liable to be embarrassed by the cautious introduction of Resolutions.

That we may meet, and act, and part on true Masonic principles; and that the amount of good done at this Convocation, will exceed the anticipations of those for whom we labor, and command the plaudits of our brethren at large, is truly the desire of my heart.

P. W. FANNING, G. H. P.

Companion L. L. Stevenson, special Lecturer, submitted the following report, which was received and ordered to be placed upon the minutes.

To M. E. P. W. Fanning, Grand High Priest, of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

M. E. Sir and Companion:

In accordance to a prescript issued under your sign manual, bearing date February 23d, A. D. 1850, A. I. 2380, which is herewith returned, authorising me to act as your Deputy in Lecturing and instructing the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina in the true work of the sublime degrees, until the present Grand Annual Convocation, I have visited and given instructions to the following Chapters, to wit:

Union Chapter No. 17, Duplin, with which I remained only one day and night, in consequence of the Companions not being enabled to remain together for a longer time; I conferred all the Chapter Degrees (during that time) including the Royal and Select Master, on three candidates. M. E. Eli W. Hines, High Priest, and many others of the members, are zealous, and devoted craftsmen, but the time was too limited to enable me to impart to them all the information that is necessary to make them perfect workmen in those beautiful degrees. I next visited Newbern, and was met with open arms by the members of Eureka Chapter No. 7, who were all anxiety to resume their labors, but needed information to enable them to do so; I spent several weeks with them very pleasantly to myself, and I hope and believe profitably to them. While there, there were fifteen Exaltations. I installed the officers, M. E. A. T. Jerkins, High Priest, whom I believe to be qualified to execute the work in a style that will do credit to R. A. Masonry in North Carolina. I also visited Plymouth, at which place M. E. John Mc C. Boyle, High Priest, and others, had received a Dispensation authorising the opening of a Royal Arch Chapter, in which I assisted them while there; there were eighteen Exalted. I installed the officers, and left them well qualified to do the work in a masterly manner. I am delighted to find that Royal Arch Masonry has taken a start in this State, and have no doubt but that with a proper fostering care on the part of your Grand Body, the number of Chapters will be trebled before your next Annual Convocation.

Most respectfully and Fraternally submitted.

L. L. STEVENSON, G. L.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH, 1850—9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. P. W. Fanning,	G. H. P.
" " A. Martin,	P. G. H. P.
" T. W. Brown,	G. Treasurer.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. Sec'y.
" J. W. Cosby,	G. Marshal.
" John Banks,	G. Tyler.

Representatives from Subordinate Chapters.

Concord No. 1,	R. G. Rankin,	H. P.
Concord No. 5,	Wm. G. Thomas,	H. P.
Eureka No. 7,	A. T. Jerkins,	H. P.
Raleigh No. 10,	J. W. Cosby,	
Union No. 17,	E. W. Hines, H. P.,	L. R. Loftin.

Visitor.—M. E. L. L. Stevenson, P. G. H. P. of Grand Chapter of Virginia.

Reports from the following Committees were submitted.

By Companion Jerkins, from the Committee on unfinished business.

The Committee on unfinished business, beg leave to report:

That the portion of the report of the Committee on Foreign correspondence relating to the Royal and Select Degrees, and which was referred to a special Committee, is the only unfinished business of the last Convocation.

A. T. JERKINS, } Committee.
R. G. RANKIN, }

By Companion Brown, from the Committee on Returns:

The Committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the Returns of the several Subordinate Chapters placed in their hands, and are pleased to find them generally correct. It appears from the Returns that there have been during the past year 108 Exaltations, as follows:

Key Stone	Chapter	(u. d.)	18	
Salisbury	Do.	(u. d.)	16	
Eureka	Do.	No. 7,	15	
Raleigh	Do.	No. 10,	20	
Concord	Do.	No. 1,	20	
Concord	Do.	No. 5,	6	
Union	Do.	No. 17,	13	108

Your Committee are happy to state that there have been no Deaths or Expulsions to report since our last Convocation.

The following Chapters have made no returns:

Roanoke Chapter No. 4, Halifax,
Phœnix No. 2, Fayetteville,
Gaston No. 18, Roxboro,

T. W. Brown, Committee.

Your Committee to whom was referred the application of Keystone Chapter, Plymouth, and Salisbury Chapter, Salisbury, for Charters, and accompanying documents, embracing Proceedings, By-Laws and Returns, have duly examined the same, and find that the Proceedings of Plymouth Chapter have been regular, and in accordance with Masonic usage. Their By-Laws we find do not conflict with the Grand Constitution. We therefore recommend that a Charter or warrant of Constitution issue to that Chapter.

We find some few irregularities in the Proceedings of Salisbury Chapter, which are however, unimportant, and with a new Chapter, sometimes unavoidable; in this instance they are excusable. We find nothing objectionable in their By Laws, as far as they go, but think they will find that they are not sufficiently comprehensive in their provisions; additions, therefore, might be made, the importance of which they will no doubt readily admit if brought to their notice.

We therefore recommend that a Charter issue to that Chapter, under its proper number, accompanied with such suggestions by the Grand High Priest as he may deem proper, in reference to their By-Laws.

We cannot submit this report without expressing our gratification at the almost unprecedented prosperity of these two new Chapters, and a hope for future success.

Respectfully submitted, A. Martin, L. R. Loftin, } Com'tee.

By Companion Martin, from the Committee on Credentials.

The Committee on Credentials, since making their report, have received from Companions J. T. Marriott and J. W. Cosby, a certificate from the High Priest, King and Scribe, of Salisbury Chapter, appointing them as delegates to represent that Chapter, at this Grand Convocation.

We find the Credentials in due form, but find that agreeable to Article 1st of the Grand Constitution, no proxy can be recognized, unless he be a member of the Chapter he represents; that Chapter, therefore, will not be represented at this Convocation. A. Martin, J. W. Cosby, } Committee.

All of which were received and adopted.

By Companion Martin, from the Special Committee on the address of the M. E. G. H. P., which was received and adopted:

Your Committee in whose charge the Report of the M. E. G. H. Priest was placed for proper reference, recommend that the several subjects embraced therein be refered to the following Committees, viz:

So much as relates to the fees of Chapters under Dispensation, to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters.

So much as relates to the Constitution and By-Laws, to a Special Committee.

So much as relates to the transaction of business by the Chapters, while open in the preparatory Degrees, to the Committee on Proceedings and Returns.

So much as relates to the Physical qualifications of Candidates, to a special Committee.

So much as relates to the fees for Charters required by the General Grand Chapter, and all other matters embraced in the Report, not especially provided for, to a Special Committee.

The subject of the Royal and Select Degrees is already in the hands of a Committee, and therefore no necessity exists for referring it. Respectfully submitted,

A. MARTIN, } Committee.
A. T. JERKINS, }

Committees appointed,

On Constitution and By-Laws, Companions Martin and Rankin.

On Physical qualifications of Candidates, Comp's Cosby and Jerkins.

On Fees for Charters, required to be charged by the General Grand Chapter, and all other matters embraced in the report, not otherwise provided for, Companions Thomas and Marriott.

On motion of Companion Rankin,

RESOLVED, That the election of Officers take place at 8 o'clock this evening.

RESOLVED, That the Grand Chapter elect a Grand Lecturer, for the present year, and that his services be paid by the Chapters, on such terms as he and they may agree.

The Grand Chapter called off 'till 4 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. P. W. Fanning,	G. H. Priest.
" " A. Martin,	P. G. H. P.
" " T. W. Brown,	G. T.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. S.
" J. W. Cosby,	G. M.
" A. P. Repiton,	G. Chaplain.
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VISITORS—M. E. L. L. Stevenson, P. G. H. P. of Grand Chapter of Va , Companions T. Burr, Jr., Donald MacRae, James T. Miller, James Griswold, E. J. Lutterloh, H. P. Russell, D. Teller.

Companion Martin, from the Special Committee on the Royal and Select Degrees, submitted the following report, which was received and laid over to the next regular Communication for consideration.

TO THE M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Your Committee upon the proper jurisdiction of the Royal and Select Degrees, and the order in which they should be conferred by the Chapters, present their report under the unpleasant conviction, that they have failed to accomplish all that was anticipated by this Grand Chapter from their appointment. Yet we trust that the difficulty under which we have laboured, from a want of opportunity for consultation, and the consequent impossibility of any concert of action in this investigation, will be accepted as a sufficient apology for the very imperfect manner in which our duty has been discharged.

The subject referred to us is one in which we conceive none of the great principles of Masonry to be involved, save that of justice, and which alone renders it a matter of any very serious importance, and we believe it was the influence of this principle that determined this Grand Chapter to enter upon the investigation and inquiry, as to what particular jurisdiction these degrees belong; we regret therefore that we are not prepared to present such information as will enable it to take any final action at its present Convocation. The difficulties encountered in the pursuit of light on this question of jurisdiction are various, and perplexing, and it is only by a united effort of all the Grand Bodies interested in it, that any thing definite or conclusive, can be elicited; as it is now attracting very general attention, we trust the true history of these degrees, since they reached this Continent, will ere long be unfolded.

As auxiliaries of the Royal Arch, we have always viewed the Royal and Select Degrees as useful and very appropriate in that connection. They open to view what we believe to be a true history of the events that gave birth to that Degree, and which without them are very obscure and unsatisfactory; and we should regret the loss of them more for that, than any other reason. Yet if we are holding them under claims founded in usurpation, we should yield them up with as little delay as possible.

We find upon unquestionable authority, that these Degrees can be traced from Frederick II, King of Prussia, who was Most Puissant Sov. Grand Commander of the 33d Degree, at Berlin, and that Brother Stephen Morin, was invested by his representative in Paris, with authority, in 1761, under the title of Sov. Grand Inspector General, to transmit the ineffable degrees to America, and that he effected this, by the appointment of Brother Henry A. Franker, as Deputy Ins. Gen'l,

with power to appoint other Deputies. This Brother proceeded to St. Domingo, in 1764 or '65, and finding there was some uncertainty of his visiting this country, he appointed Brother Moses Michael Hays his Deputy, but subsequently came to New York himself, and Hays came to Massachusetts, where they arrived in 1766, and where they disseminated the ineffable Degrees, the Royal and Select, being among those confided by them to the Councils established under their authority.

In 1778, a Grand Council of Princes of Jerusalem was established in Charleston, S. C., by Inspectors having authority from the same source, and with this Council the Royal and Select Degrees were deposited, and we beleive it is not denied that the Deputy Inspectors were the only persons at that time claiming to have authority to disseminate them, and to fix their jurisdiction. But that they were confided to the Grand and Supreme Councils exclusively by the Deputy Inspectors, has been denied by some, though we know not on what authority.

That it was ever contemplated by Frederick of Prussia, who is claimed as the source of all authority over these Degrees, that they should be placed under the control of any other Masonic Body than the Supreme Councils, we are not prepared to decide, but there seems to be strong presumptive evidence that it was not so contemplated in the fact that in Europe we find that they are confined exclusively to the Supreme Councils, and if these were claimed as regular Degrees by the Supreme Councils, we could not admit that such an anomaly had its origin with the intelligent Brother from whom they were originally claimed by the Councils.

That the Councils should for so many years have quietly submitted to an unjust usurpation of their rights, if they considered it such, is matter of surprise, but we could not consent to found a claim on that circumstance. We are aware that these Degrees have been placed in charge of the Grand Chapters, in some of the States, by the Councils, after discovering that they had been imposed on by Jerc. L. Cross, who is well known to have practiced a fraud upon many of the States, for which he was expelled by the Grand Chapter of Maryland, but presume those Chapters would not predicate a claim upon this transfer.

The claim of the Maryland Chapters is of a date long subsequent to that of the Supreme Council of Charleston. A knowledge of these Degrees seems to have been communicated to Brother Philip P. Eckle, of Maryland, about the year 1812 or '13, by one Wilmer, but there is no evidence of his having been an Inspector, or of his authorising Eckle to place them in charge of the Chapters; he however did so place them, and in 1824, they were acknowledged by the Grand Chapter of that State. Many of our Grand Chapters would yield up these Degrees, only under the most positive conviction of the Superior claims of the Councils, yet we feel assured that if satisfied that their claim is unjust they would cheerfully relinquish it.

To our minds the strongest claim of the Chapters may be founded on the fact of these not being regular Degrees of the Supr. Council 33d Degree, and being only honorary, or side degrees, such, as no regularly organized body generally pretends to set up any exclusive claim for; all are priviliged to use. We will, however, submit this question to abler hands, expressing a hope that the dispute may be speedily and amicably adjusted, and recommending that this Grand Chapter instruct its delegate to urge upon the General Grand Chapter, the importance of a final settlement of the matter, leaving it no longer in the uncertain and perplexing position it now occupies.

As regards the order in which the Royal and Select Degrees should be conferred by the Chapters. We have not given the subject any very particular attention, regarding the settlement of the other question as first in importance. If, however, we admit the truth of their tradition, their regular chronological order places them below the Most Excellent Master's Degree, and we cannot admit the propriety of changing the order of these, more than any of the other Masonic Degrees. We are aware that this opinion is in conflict with Masonic authority that is generally

esteemed conclusive, upon most points connected with the practice of our rites, yet we are not convinced by anything we have seen or heard upon the subject, that our position is incorrect.

We conceive the diversity of opinion in regard to the propriety of conferring them before the Arch, to be the result of a want of uniformity in the practice of them. The Chapter in Maryland, the first to adopt them, saw no impropriety in placing them below the Arch, and it is a fair presumption, that as they understood and practiced them, there would have been none, or it could not have received the sanction of men so eminently distinguished for their Masonic knowledge. From whence then has the authority for making additions to the ceremonies of the Degrees, that render them improper to be placed below the Arch, been derived? Has it been from the Councils, whose authority we do not recognize? We know that in the Councils, they are much more elaborate in their ceremonial than in the Chapters of either Maryland, Virginia, or North Carolina, but if we do not acknowledge the authority of the Councils, we should not adopt their works; if all Chapter authority had its source in Maryland, the Maryland work should be the work of the Chapters. Discussion upon this question, however, we consider useless, as the General Grand Chapter has placed these Degrees above the Arch, and we cannot, therefore, indulge any preference at variance with that practice.

A. Martin,
J. W. Cosby.

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Companion Rankin, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reported as follows, which was received and adopted:

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report:

That they have to regret the interchange proffered to our sister Grand Chapters has not been more fully reciprocated.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapters of Maine, Ohio, Missouri, Indiana, Virginia and Florida, are all that have been placed in their possession, and these have received a careful consideration. From them they are pleased to learn the continued prosperity of our Order; that it is spreading through the length and breadth of our land, and gathering in its folds many valuable co-workers, bringing with them, that which is far better than numerical strength, a spirit of research, and practical illustration of its sublime principles.

Questions of general interest to the craft have been discussed, and will receive from your Committee a brief notice.

The question of the proper head and position of the Royal and Select Degrees claims the attention of our sister Grand Chapters as well as our own.

It is one of the high prerogatives of the General Grand Chapter to decide all questions affecting the interests of the craft, and it should, at its next session, after due consideration, act boldly and decisively. Claim them or prohibit them, and let them be no longer a matter of local regulation.

On this subject the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Chapter of Missouri, "suggest that the Royal and Select Degrees should not be confered within their jurisdiction, until the General Grand Chapter, or its proper officers, shall determine, not by suggestions, but by positive law or instructions, the order and manner in which they shall be conferred, and they earnestly hope, that all who owe it allegiance will cheerfully submit, even though these Degrees should be surrendered to that Body, which perhaps possesses higher claims."

With whatever tenacity we may adhere to the opinion of our right to these Degrees, we can safely promise for North Carolina, a cheerful submission to the will of her acknowledged head—all she asks is that the question be settled, as your Committee, believe, with our Companions in Missouri, "that it would be far better for the craft that the Degrees should cease to exist, than continue the present strife and contention about their Chronology and location."

As to the proper mode of settlement, we believe that the course proposed by the Grand Chapter at its last Convocation in the following Resolution is correct:

"Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter, that the only way in which this question can be permanently, and amicably settled, will be for the General Grand Chapter, at its next Convocation, to recommend a Convocation of Delegates from each Chapter claiming the Degrees, as well as the Councils and other Associations making claim thereto, for the purpose of determining to whom they properly belong, and confirming one or the other of the claimants in the right to them."

From the able report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Chapter of Florida, we see that that Grand Body, influenced by a desire to promote harmony and good will among her brethren, petitioned at the last General Grand Convocation for recognition.

Her reception was attended with conditions that could not be accepted without a sacrifice of dignity and Masonic principles, entirely disproportioned to any advantages gained by adhering to the General Grand Chapter as it now exists.

She has withdrawn her petition, and while we regret the conditions imposed, we must admire the independent position she has assumed. We see no reason for declining a Correspondence or ceasing to meet her in an interchange of fraternal feeling.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio decided that it was "improper to exalt Master Masons not of hale and entire limbs."

We think the rule too general—peculiar cases may and will occur, in which it would be uncharitable, to make the misfo tunes of a Brother, eminently worthy, a barrier to the enjoyment of our social rights.

It would be no departure from the spirit of the Ancient landmarks, to confer the Degrees upon one capable of receiving instruction, and of earning an honest livelihood, and confidence should be placed in Subordinate Chapters, before whom such cases must arise, that they will decide judiciously.

In Indiana the M. E. G. H. Priest of that Grand Chapter "solicits attention to the high prerogatives claimed by some for the High Priests of Chapters, placing them above the jurisdiction of the Bodies over which they preside in regard to official or moral conduct." To the report of the special Committee on that subject we would invite your attention.

A High Priest is peculiarly bound to support the By-Laws and Regulations, and is only amenable to the Grand Chapter for any dereliction of duty, official or moral. Exalted as he is above his fellows, undoubted powers should be used with caution, doubtful powers never assumed by him.

In Virginia, "the operation of a suspension in a Blue Lodge on a Royal Arch Mason, and the reverse," was considered and decided with the correctness that usually marks the course of our enlightened Companions of that State.

The practice in this State is, that the Suspension of a Royal Arch Mason, does not necessarily deprive him of the rights of Masonry; the Suspension from a Lodge of Master Masons deprives him of all its rights and benefits. The very foundation upon which he was exalted is destroyed.

In this practice, we are happy to coincide with the Grand Chapter of Virginia.

In Missouri, the following Resolution was adopted:

"That the Grand Chapter has not the power under the General Grand Constitution to admit to fellowship any new Grand Chapter, unless duly notified by the proper officers of the General Grand Chapter, &c."

We must plead ignorance of this feature of the Constitution; if it be so, let it be forthwith amended.

A free interchange engenders sociability, corrects error, establishes principles, affords opportunity to rejoice or sympathize. Of this right we should not be deprived.

That Grand Chapter, very properly calls the attention of the General Grand Officers, to the great responsibilities voluntarily assumed by them, and which for more than half a century, with few exceptions, have been entirely neglected.

This Grand Chapter at its second Annual Convocation, expressly declared, that "one of the principal objects of a General Grand Chapter, is undoubtedly to establish a uniform

mode of work; now if all due diligence be not exercised, there is a grievous fault, in the sin of which North Carolina will be equally implicated, should she fail to put forth her energies to reform."

As the General Grand Chapter will convene in a few months, your Committee have thought proper to revive this subject, and invite the attention of that Body, should it fail to notice. North Carolina will have performed her duty, and cannot be implicated in the sin of omission.

And this leads your Committee to questions, requiring careful and serious consideration. Has the General Grand Chapter performed the great end and object of its formation?

One great object was to establish a uniform mode of work. Has this been done?

Another, to produce good feeling, and unanimity throughout the various Masonic institutions, spread over our whole extent of country. Has this been done, or rather has it not produced the reverse? Can it accomplish either "great end" when but one half the Grand Chapters acknowledge its power, others bitterly disclaiming all allegiance?

Your Committee are of opinion that a Supreme Tribunal should be such in *effect*, as well as in name; that a power to be complete, should possess the essentials necessary to its perfect execution. Authority loses effect, and becomes ridiculous or dangerous, when feebly grasped or tyranically employed.

The General Grand Chapter was established for certain purposes; it has not been successful; it is an institution, unstable, imperfect, and feeble. Holding a meeting but once in three years, continuing in session a week, perhaps a longer time, possibly not so long, the Grand delegates transact the business according to their best abilities, hurried doubtless by the natural desire to return to their distant homes and avocations, promulge a few decrees for the government and adoption of Subordinates, and disperse, leaving a long interval of vacation for mooted points to arise, and conflicts of jurisdiction to disturb the amicable relationship which should ever exist between members of the same order.

What good can such an institution effect, without power to *compel* universal obedience to its mandates. Sustained by a bare majority of the States composing the Union, it is manifestly impossible that it can discharge the high purposes of its creation, produce uniformity, on questions of law or practice.

The Federal government, formed by the transfer of a portion of delegated power from the States composing the American Union, is the model of perfected wisdom. Whatever analogy ever existed between it and the G. G. Chapter is no longer perceptible; the one moves in harmony and moral grandeur, the other inefficiently and feebly; the one respected and reverenced—the other partially esteemed—one a noble spectacle, admired at home, feared abroad—the other breathing uncertain existence.

Another objection to the General Grand Chapter, is its legislative powers. Formed years ago, when Royal Arch Masonry was but comparatively in its infancy, the Grand Chapters uniting in its creation, by granting too wide a field for legislation, invested it with that power which should have been reserved to the States; in the exercise of this power, it has not at all times used due caution.

From States where Masonry has for years had the flourishing existence of manhood, representation at its triennial Convocations has been full; places distant, just springing into life, if represented at all, are compelled to transfer their privilege to others, thus placing power in the hands of a few.

Social regulations adopted by delegates reflecting the feelings and wants of all portions of a State, are acted upon, and hastily confirmed or neglected by those ignorant of the condition of Masonry within its borders.

The extension of its jurisdiction has therefore been but gradual. Many Grand Chapters, appreciating the advantages that might accrue, influenced by feelings of reverence, desirous of promoting harmony, have been induced to give a reluctant consent to its powers.

A spirit of dissatisfaction prevails to a greater or less extent, with all our sister Grand Chapters. It affects the harmony of Masonry—crimination gives rise to re-crimination—opinions advanced with firmness, are considered pertinacious. To remedy this, is the duty of every good Mason. The General Grand Chapter cannot secure the affection of Subordinates. Without unanimity, harmony is impossible. To endeavor to secure this unanimity, your Committee would respectfully recommend, that the General Grand Chapter, at its next Convocation, so remodel its Constitution as to confine its powers:

1st. To prescribing a uniform mode of work.

2d. To have jurisdiction over the Grand Chapters of the United States, and adjudication of all questions or differences arising between them.

3d. To have sole jurisdiction in States and Territorities where no Grand Chapter exists.

Confined to this, it would have sufficient business to occupy its attention; discharging faithfully these duties, it will have done all that can be required.

Divested of all legislative powers, no Grand Chapter could be called upon to sacrifice its rights or local regulations, and all could meet in full fellowship and unite in due reverence to our "Exalted head."

Composed as it would be of those who simply held delegated powers, no P. G. G. Officers should be allowed to vote—its Convocations should be biennial—its location permanent and convenient, or else occasionally a place of meeting nearer and easier of access to those young in existence, and less able to afford the expense of representation.

These things it should do: then would we, *indeed*, "be in full communion with all our sister Grand Chapters" and joyfully interchange with all, those courtesies which ever delight the wise, the good, and the benevolent, and those who dwell together in unity.

In conclusion, Companions, permit us to congratulate you on the high position maintained by our beloved order. Its progress is onward! onward! It will ever be so, as long as its members are influenced by its principles, and obey its moral precepts.

Let ours then be the noble duty of transmitting it, unimpaired, and as a brighter "jewel," to those who succeed us. ROBT. G. RANKIN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the Constitution and By-Laws reported:

Recommending that the present Constitution and By-Laws be referred to a Committee of three, for amendment, to report at the next Annual Convocation.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed Companions A. Martin, L. H. Marsteller, and Asa A. Brown, said Committee, and on motion, the M. E. G. H. Priest was added.

The following reports were submitted and adopted:

By Companion Martin, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred such portion of the address of the M. E. G. H. P. as relates to fees of Chapters under Dispensation, recommend that hereafter no fees be charged to such Chapters, provided that they shall apply for a Charter at the first Convocation of this Grand Chapter, after the date of their Dispensation, and in case the time should be extended for their accommodation, they shall pay for that year the regular fee of chartered Chapters.

Also that the fees charged to the Chapter under Dispensation that have paid $90 for their Charters, be refunded, and that the amount paid by Union Chapter, over the sum of $90, be also refunded. A. MARTIN, L. R. LOFTIN, } Committee.

By Companion Cosby, from the Committee on Accounts.

The Committee on Accounts beg leave to report that they have performed the duty assigned them. They find that the Books of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer have been well and correctly kept, and proper Vouchers exhibited for all payments.

By the report of the Committee on Accounts at our last Grand Convocation, it appears that a balance was left in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of $180 00

The receipts for the present year are as follows:

From Chorazin Chapter No. 13,	15 00
Dispensation for Keystone Chapter,	90 00
" do. Salisbury,	90 00
Exaltations, Gaston Chapter No. 18,	28 00
Check E. B. Freeman,	100 00
Dues of Concord Chapter No. 1,	15 00
Dues of Concord Chapter No. 5,	15 00
Dues of Eureka No. 7,	15 00
Dues of Raleigh No. 10,	15 00
Exaltations, Keystone (u. d.)	36 00
Dues of Union Chapter No. 17,	15 00
Exaltations, Salisbury (u. d.)	30 00
	$644 30
Disbursments for past year,	75 13
Leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	$569 17

The following Chapters are in arrears for their dues, viz:

Phœnix No. 2, Fayetteville, for 3 years,	$45 00
Gaston No. 18, " 1 "	15 00
Roanoke No. 4, " 1 "	15 00

Respectfully submitted, J. W. Cosby, E. W. Hines, } Committee.

By Companion Cosby, from the Committee on Physical qualifications of Candidates.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the M. E. G. H. Priest's Communication in relation to the Physical qualifications of candidates, report, that as the whole subject has been fully investigated and reported upon, satisfactorily, by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, they would simply concur in that report, together with that portion of the M. E. G. H. P's. communication relating to this subject, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

John W. Cosby, Alonzo T. Jerkins, } Committee.

By Companion Jerkins, from the Committee on Claims.

The Committee on Claims beg leave to report, that there is no business to come before them for their action, and ask to be discharged.

A. T. Jerkins, A. A. Brown, } Committee.

Companion Rankin offered the following Resolution, which was adopted :

RESOLVED, That the M. E. P. W. Fanning, be authorised to procure the necessary Jewels and Collars for this Grand Chapter, as recommended in his address.

The Grand Chapter called off until 8 P. M.

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TUESDAY EVENING. JUNE 4th, 1850.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. P. W. Fanning,	G. H. P.
A. Martin,	P. G. H. P.
T. W. Brown,	G. Treasurer.
R. G. Rankin,	G. Sec'y.
J. W. Cosby,	G. Marshal.
John Banks,	G. Tyler.

VISITORS—M. E. L. L. Stevenson, P. G. H. P. of G. Chapter of Virginia, Companions D. Teller, J. Lyons, J. B. Russell, H. W. Foy, M. Cronly, D. MacRae, John Nutt, George Harriss.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Officers, which resulted as follows :

M. E. P. W. Fanning, of Wilmington,	G. H. P.
J. W. Cosby, of Raleigh,	G. K.
A. T. Jerkins, of Newbern,	G. S.
T. W. Brown, of Wilmington,	G. T.
R. G. Rankin, of Wilmington,	G. Sec'y.
Rev. Wm. Closs,	G. C.
Wm. G. Thomas, of Tarboro',	G. M.
L. L. Stevenson,	G. L.

On motion of Companion Rankin, it was

RESOLVED, That the installation of Officers take place to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M., and that M. E. L. L. Stevenson, P. G H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, be invited to install the M. E. G. H. P. elect.

Companion Brown, from the Committee on Proceedings and Returns, submitted the following report, which was received and adopted :

The Committee on Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Chapters, to whom was referred that portion of the M. E. G. H. Priest's communication relating to the business of the Chapters while open in the preparatory degrees, beg leave to report that it will not hereafter be competent for any Subordinate Chapter to open or work in any inferior degree, without first opening in the Arch, in which degree only it is proper to transact business, and in which the minutes must be made up.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. Brown, Committee.

The Grand Chapter called off until to-morrow, 10 o'clock A. M. R. G. Rankin, Sec'y.

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WEDNESDAY 10 A. M., JUNE 5th, 1850.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. P. W. Fanning,	G. H. P.
A. Martin,	P. G. H. P.
T. W. Brown,	G. T.
R G. Rankin,	G. S.
J. W. Cosby,	G. M.
L. L. Stevenson,	G. L.
John Banks,	G. Tyler.

Representatives from Subordinate Chapters.

Concord No. 1, R. G. Rankin, H. P.
Concord No. 5, Wm. G. Thomas, H. P.
Eureka No. 7, A. T. Jerkins, H. P.
Raleigh No. 10, J. W. Cosby, and J. T. Marriott.
Union No. 17, E. W. Hines, H. P., and L. R. Loftin.

M. E. P. W. Fanning was duly installed as G. H. Priest, for the ensuing year, by M. E. L. L. Stevenson, P. G. H. Priest of Va.

The M. E. appointed,

Comp's W. G. Hill, of Raleigh,	D. G. H. P.
" C. H. Jordan, of Person,	G. P. S.
" J. T. Marriott. of Raleigh,	G. R. A. C.
" C. H. Webb, of Halifax,	G. M. 3 V.
" E. W. Hines, of Duplin,	G. M. 2 V.
" E. Myers, of Salisbury,	G. M. 1 V.
" John Banks, of Wilmington,	G. Tyler.

The officers present, and those absent by proxy, were duly installed in their respective offices by the M. E. G. H. Priest.

Companion Thomas submitted the following report:

The Committee on that portion of the address of the M. E. G. H. P. on fees for Charters which the General Grand Chapter requires its Subordinate to charge, and all other matters embraced in said report not otherwise provided for, beg leave to report, that on the subject of fees for Charters, they recommend this Grand Chapter to instruct its delegate to the General Grand Chapter to bring this subject before that body, and endeavor to have the amount reduced.

The Committee fully concur in the views of the G. H. P. of this Chapter, in respect to the requisition of unconditional fees from all initiates. We are of the opinion that to extend an exemption to Clergymen, besides being in accordance with the usual courtesies of society, would often induce many of them to seek the higher Degrees in Masonry, and thereby enable them to gain such light as would, almost inevitably, produce favorable impressions of our order on their minds, as well as on those over whom they may have influence.

We are clearly of the opinion, that the provision of the General Grand Constitution requiring a unanimous vote in the admission to membership, should be cancelled, and leave the matter to the control of the Subordinates entirely. We can add nothing to the forcibleness of the views expressed by the G. H. Priest on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Geo. Thomas, } Committee.
J. T. Marriott, }

Companion Marriott, from the Committee on proceedings of Subordinate Chapters, made the following report, which was received and adopted—

The Committee on Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters, beg leave further to report:

Whereas, Phœnix Chapter No. 2, Fayetteville, has, since the organization of this Grand Chapter, failed to send a Representative, and in making returns:

Resolved, That the M. E. G. H. Priest be requested to enquire into the cause, and take such steps as he may deem necessary.

J. T. Marriott, } Committee.
T. W. Brown, }

The Grand Chapter called off until 3 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. P. W. Fanning,	G. H. P.
" " J. W. Cosby,	G. K.
" " A. T. Jerkins,	G. S.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. Sec'y.
" Wm G. Thomas,	G. Marshal.
" John Banks,	G. Tyler.

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Union No. 17,	E. W. Hines, H. P,	

VISITORS—Companions D. W. McMillan, H. P. Russell.

On motion of Companion Thomas,

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be, and are hereby presented, to St. John's Lodge No, 1, and Concord Chapter No, 1, for their polite civilities and the use of their Hall.

On motion of Companion J. T. Marriott,

ORDERED, That the sum of Twenty-five Dollars be allowed Companion R. G. Rankin, for his services as Grand Secretary, and that the Grand Treasurer pay the same.

On motion of Companion Rankin,

RESOLVED, That a Committee of Finance, consisting of M. E. G. H. P. P. W. Fanning, A. Martin, and T. W. Brown, be appointed for the present year, who shall invest such amount of Funds of the Grand Chapter as they may think advisable.

Roanoke Chapter, No. 4 paid dues to 1850, $15.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter closed in solemn form, to meet again on the first Monday in June, 1851. R. G. RANKIN, G. Secretary.

WILMINGTON, June 4th, 1850.

The Grand Chapter of North Carolina,

In Account with T. W. Brown, Grand Treasurer.

1849, June 5.	By balance of Cash on hand,	- - -	$180 30
1850, Jan. 24.	Received from Secretary,	- - -	90 00
" Mar. 6.	Do. do. "	- - - -	90 00
" June 4.	Do. do. "	- - - -	284 00
			$644 30

Grand Chapter, Dr.

1849, June 5.	To Cash paid L. C. Pender,	$12 88	
" " 5.	" " " Grand Secretary,	20 00	
" " 8.	" " " Paid Tyler,	16 00	
" July 23.	" " " A. A. Brown for Printing,	20 25	
" " 23.	" " " Henry Jones,	6 00	75 13
Balance on hand,	- - - - -		$569 17

Examined and found correct.

P. W. FANNING,
FOR COMMITTEE.

WILMINGTON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 1850, A. I., 2380.

A Council of High Priests assembled at the Hall of St. Johns' Lodge, No. 1.

PRESENT:

M. E. L. L. Stevenson, P. G. H. P. of Va., President.
" " A. Martin, Master of Ceremonies.
" " P. W. Fanning, Conductor.
" " R. G. Rankin, Recorder.
" " Eli W. Hines,
" " James Griswold,
" " L. R. Loftin,
" " Wm. G. Thomas.

M. E. Comp'n A. T. Jerkins, of Eureka Chapter No. 7, Newbern, presented a certificate of election as H. Priest of that Chapter, and was consecrated a "High Priest," after the order of Melchisedec, in solemn form.

ROBT. G. RANKIN, Recorder.

Annual Returns of Chapters working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

Concord Chapter No. 1,—Wilmington.

OFFICERS:

M. E.	Robt. G. Rankin,	High Priest.
" "	L. H. Marsteller,	King.
" "	A. A. Brown,	Scribe.
Comp.	A. Paul Repiton,	Secretary.
"	John A. Taylor,	Treasurer.
"	Geo. Harriss,	Captain of the Host.
"	D. McMillan,	Principal Sojourner.
"	E. J. Lutterloh,	Royal Arch Captain.
"	H. P. Russell,	Master 3d Veil.
"	A. MacRae, Jr.	Master 2d Veil.
"	S. Teller,	Master 1st Veil.
"	A. Paul Repiton,	Chaplain.
"	John Banks,	Janitor.

MEMBERS:

P. W. Fanning,	G. H. P.	James T. Miller,
Alfred Martin,	P. G. H. P.	D. A. Lamont,
Alex. McRae, Sr.,	P. H. P.	Robert Fenner,
Isaac Northrop,	P. H. P.	A. B. Chesnutt,
Thos. Marshall,		Treat F. Peck,
Thos. Cowan,		Owen Fennell,
George R. French,		J. R. Redman,
Thos. F. Gause,		Thos. I. Faison,
John Christian,		Wm. W. Harriss,
Rev. William Closs,		Eli V. Kelly,
Talcott Burr, Jr.,		Benj. G. Bates,
Stephen D. Wallace,		Charles B. Morris,
John Smith,		Elias Wolfe,
Thos. D. Meares,		Thos. W. Brown,
John S. James,		D. E. Roberts,
Joseph Wilkinson,		John D. Powers,
Wm. D. Smith,		Rev. Wm. C. Parks,
Robert Maxwell,		Wm. A. Burr,
J. R. Beaman,		J. A. Silliman,
Cyrus Packard,		D. Teller,
Joseph Green,		Isaac B. Smith,

William Murphy,	O. L. Fillyaw,
C. McMillan,	John McAuslin,
Alex. Lamont,	Rev. S. H. Brown,
Alfred Smith,	Thos. F. Robeson,
William G. Jones,	Richard Morris,
T. C. Worth,	H. W. Foy,
W. J. Price,	Joseph B. Russell,
William Huntington,	John Nutt,
Jacob Lyon,	Owen Holmes,
William C. Howard,	Mich'l Cronly.

Admitted 0, Exalted 20, Withdrawn 1, Deaths 0, Expulsions 0, Suspensions 0, Rejections 0.

ROBT. G. RANKIN, H. P.

Attest, A. PAUL REPITON, Sec'y.

Phœnix, No. 2,—Fayetteville,—No Returns.

Roanoke, No. 4,—Halifax.

OFFICERS:

M. E.	Wm. W. Daniel,	High Priest.
" "	Wm. E. Lane,	King.
" "	John T. Pope,	Scribe.
Comp.	A. V. Russell,	Captain of the Host.
"	C. N. Webb,	Principal Sojourner.
"	W. W. Brickell,	R. A. Captain.
"	Wm. H. Underhill,	Master 3d Veil.
"	John W. Heptinstall,	Master 2d Veil.
"	Thos. G. Lowe,	Master 1st Veil.
"	F. S. Marshall,	Treasurer.
"	J. J. Anderson,	Secretary.
"	H. A. Sledge,	Janitor.

MEMBERS:

C. N. Webb,	A. V. Russell,
John T. Pope,	J. J. Anderson,
William L. Long,	F. S. Marshall,
George W. Owen,	James R. Wilkes,
Wm. W. Daniel,	W. W. Brickell,
Wm. H. Underhill,	Cyprian Cross,

Herbert A. Sledge.
John W. Heptinstall,
James B. Yellowley,
James Simmons.
Sterling H. Gee,
T. L. B. Gregory,
Rev. Thos. G. Lowe,
Rev. W. Burge,
Hezekiah Lassiter,
T. S. Brownlow,
Cary Whitaker,
Alfred W. Simmons,
M. C. Whitaker,
George W. Gary,
W. E. Lane,
Albert G. Jones,
James H. Moore.

WILLIAM W. DANIEL, H. Priest.

J. J. ANDERSON, Secretary.

Concord, No. 5,—Tarboro'.

OFFICERS:

M. E.	William G. Thomas,	High Priest.
" "	Louis Bond,	King.
" "	William Norfleet,	Scribe.
Comp.	Louis C. Pender,	Secretary.
"	James F. Jenkins,	Treasurer.
"	James Mehegen,	Captain of the Host.
"	Henry T. Clark.	Principal Sojourner.
"	William S. Baker,	R. A. Captain.
"	William H. Hines,	Master 3d Veil.
"	Robert H. Pender,	Master 2d Veil.
"	Josiah S. Pender,	Master 1st Veil.

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Benjamin M. Jackson,
D S. Crenshaw,
Bryant Bennett,
Benjamin Batts,
P. S. Sugg,
Henry Bryan,
Arthur S. Mooring,
Jesse H. Drake,
Westly Swift,
L. D. Farmer,
John F. Hughes,
W. D. Bryan,
W. H. Smith,
John H. Drake,
Solomon Pender,
Charles Mabry,
John Mooring,
Andrew E. Gill,
William Crockett,
Simmons B. Staton,
William J. Armstrong,
T. C. Hearn.

Admitted 7, Exalted 6, Withdrawn 2, Deaths, 0, Expulsions 0, Suspensions 0, Rejections 2.

WM. GEO. THOMAS, H. Priest.

L. C. PENDER, Secretary.

Eureka No. 7,—Newbern.

OFFICERS:

M. E.	Alonzo T. Jerkins,	High Priest.
" "	Matthew A. Outlaw,	King.
" "	George Lane,	Scribe.
Comp.	Andrew H. Richardson,	Captain of the Host.
"	Peter Curtis,	Principal Sojourner.
"	William C. Hunter,	R. A. Captain.
"	Edward F. Smallwood,	Master 3d Veil.
"	Thomas R. Wilson,	Master 2d Veil.
"	John H. Lane,	Master 1st Veil.
"	John D. Whitford,	Treasurer.
"	Edward R. Stanly,	Secretary.
"	J. M. C. Breaker,	Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

J. A. Brookfield,	George Green,
John Harvey, Sr.,	James Hayward,
Edward W. Montfort,	W. C. Pittman,
Levi Sterne,	Thomas Sparrow, Sr.,
William B. Wellons,	O. S. Dewey,
Luther R. Clarke,	Edward R. Coward.

Advanced 17; P. M. 17; M. E. 17; Exalted 14; three were advanced, seated and acknowledged M. E. Masters, previous to this Chapter's resuming labor on 7th of March 1850, and two of the three were exalted elsewhere.

A. T. Jerkins, H. Priest.

E. R. Stanly, Secretary.

Raleigh No. 10,—Raleigh.

OFFICERS:

M. E.	Wm. G. Hill,	High Priest.
" "	E. C. H. Johnson,	King.
" "	E. D. Cosby,	Scribe.
Comp.	John W. Cosby,	Captain of the Host.
"	W. J. Clark,	Principal Sojourner.
"	R. W. Seawell,	R. A. Captain.
"	J. T. Marriott,	Master 3d Veil.

Comp. J. J. Biggs,	Master 2d Veil.
" J. R. Harrison,	Master 1st Veil.
" W. F. Collins,	Treasurer.
" William D. Haywood,	Secretary.
" R. W. Ashton,	Janitor.

MEMBERS:

William H. Mead,	William D. Cooke,
William T. Bain,	C. W. Hutchings,
W. W. Johnson,	Joseph Woltering,
James G. Jeffreys,	Joseph T. Hunter,
D. B. Griffin,	A. A. Jones,
Joseph D. Powell,	J. M. Lovejoy,
James D. Newsom,	J. O. Jeffreys,
J. Kane,	T. Young,
T. J. Utley,	R. T. Heflin,
James Harris,	J. D. Beavers,
W. H. High,	C. J. Rogers,
A. Johnson,	E. Yarbrough, Sr.
H. W. Miller,	E. Smith,

W. D. Jones.

Exaltations 20, Deaths 0, Resignations 0, Expulsions 0, Suspensions 0.

W. G. Hill, High Priest.

William D. Haywood, Secretary.

Chorazin No. 13,—Greensboro',—No Returns.

Union No. 17,—Duplin.

OFFICERS:

M. E. Eli W. Hines,	High Priest.
" " Felix B. Millard,	King.
" " A. R. Hicks,	Scribe.
Comp. C. D. Hill,	Secretary.
" Oates S. Lewis,	Treasurer.
" James W. Blount,	Captain of the Host.
" Luther R. Loftin,	Principal Sojourner.
" Thomas Wright,	Royal Arch Captain.
" Samuel Loftin,	Master 3d Veil.
" Daniel Bowden,	Master 2d Veil.

Comp David Wright, Master 1st Veil.
" Joel Loftin, Janitor.

MEMBERS:

John Wright,
David Jones,
Daniel B. Newton,
George W. Wallace,
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William F. Pollock,
James M. McDuffie,
John E. Becton,
Uzzell G. Harrell,
Henry Swinson,
B. B. Allen,
Jesse Baker,
James G. Dickson,
B. C. Bowden,
James Winders,
Joseph R. Hatch,
Louis F. Carr,
Edward H. Fonville,
William Carraway,
Thomas J. Hudson,
Exum L. Powell,
Hanson F. Murphy,
Joseph J. Ward.

Exaltations 13, Rejections 0, Withdrawals 4, Deaths 0, Expulsions 0, Suspensions 0.

ELI W. HINES, High Priest.

C. D. HILL, Secretary.

Gaston No. 18,—Roxboro',—No Returns.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

IN

WILMINGTON, N. C.,

ON

MONDAY, SECOND DAY OF JUNE,

A. L. 5851, A. I. 2331, A. D. 1851.

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PROCEEDINGS OF

THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA, BEGUN AND HELD IN THE HALL OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1, IN WILMINGTON, N. C., ON MONDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF JUNE, A.·. D., 1851, A.·. I., 2381.

PRESENT:

M. E., P. W. Fanning,	G. H. P.
" " A. Martin,	P. G. H. P.
" " W. W. Daniel,	G. King, p. t.
" " Thos. R. Wilson,	G. Scribe, p. t.
" Peter Custis,	G. Marshall, p. t.
" F. S. Marshall,	G. P. S. p. t.
" Jas. H. Moore,	G. R. A. C. p. t.
" R. H. Pender,	G. M. 3d V. p. t.
" E. W. Hines,	G. M. 2d V.
" E. Myers,	G. M. 1st V.
" Robt. G. Rankin,	G. Sec'y.
" L. L Stevenson,	G. Lec'r.
" Rev. Wm. Burge,	G. Chaplain, p. t.
" H. W. Foy,	G. Tyler, p. t.

Comp. T. J. Judkins.

The Grand Chapter opened in solemn form.

Prayer by Rev. Comp. Wm. Burge, G. Chaplain, P. T.

The M. E. G. H. P., appointed the following Committees:

On Credentials, Companions Martin and Wilson,

On Unfinished Business, " Myers and Pender.

The Grand Chapter called off from labor to refreshment, till 3 P. M.

MONDAY, 2d June, 3 P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

Officers and members as this morning.

Comp. Geo. Wortham of Temple Chapter, U. D.

Visiter, Comp. D. Teller.

The Committee on Credentials, through Comp. Martin, made the following report:

The Committee on Credentials report the following Chapters duly represented.

Concord, No. 1,	by	R. G. Rankin, H. P.	
Roanoke, " 4,	"	W. W. Daniel, H. P., and F. S. Marshall,	Delegate.
Concord, " 5,	"	R. H. Pender,	"
Eureka, " 7,	"	Peter Custis, and Thomas R. Wilson,	"
Union, " 17;	"	Eli W. Hines, H. P.	
Salisbury," 20,	"	E. Myers, H. P.	

Respectfully submitted,

A. MARTIN,
THOS. R. WILSON, } Committee.

Comp. Myers, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, reported as follows:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report,

That the report of the Special Committee on the Royal and Select Degrees, submitted at the last regular Convocation, and the report of the Committee on the Amendment of the present Constitution and By-Laws, is the only unfinished business of the last Convocation.

E. MYERS,
R. H. PENDER, } Committee.

Which were received and adopted.

The M. E. G. H. P., appointed the following Standing Committee.

On Charters and Dispensations, Comp's Pender, Daniel & Martin.

Comp. Burge presented the proceedings of Warrenton Chapter, under Dispensation, and asked for a Charter.

Comp. Wortham presented proceedings of Temple Chapter, U. D. and asked for a Charter.

Comp. Stevenson presented proceedings of Conoho Chapter, U. D. and requested a Charter.

The M. E. presented proceedings of Lafayette Chapter, U. D. requesting a Charter.

All of which were received and referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations,

When the Grand Chapter called off from labor to refreshment until 5 P. M.

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5 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation, was, on motion, dispensed with, each member being furnished with a printed copy.

The M. E. G. H. P., appointed the following Committees:

On Proceedings and returns of Subordinate Chapters,

Companions Wilson, Daniel and Pender.

On Foreign Correspondence,
Comp's Wallace, Custis, Myers and Rankin.
On Claims, Comp's Marshall and Pender.
On Accounts, Comp's Martin and Hines.
On motion of Comp. Pender,

Ordered, That the M. E. G. H. P. be authorized to procure a Breast Plate at a cost not exceeding $65.

The Grand Chapter called off till to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

ROBT. G. RANKIN, *Grand Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M., 3d June, 1851.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E., P. W. Fanning,	G. H. P.
" " A. Martin,	P. G. H. P.
" " W. W. Daniel,	G. King, p. t.
" " T. R. Wilson,	G. Scribe, p. t.
" Peter Custis,	G. M. p. t.
" F. S. Marshall,	G. P. S. p. t.
" George Wortham,	G. R. A. C. p. t.
" R, H. Pender,	G. M. 3 V. p. t.
" E. W. Hines,	G. M. 2 V.
" E. Myers,	G. M. 1 V.
" T. W. Brown,	G. Treas'r.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. Sec'y.
" L. L. Stevenson,	G. Lec'r.
" Rev. Wm. Burge,	G. Chaplin, p. t.
" Hiram W. Foy,	G. Tyler, p. t.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Concord, No. 1, R. G. Rankin, H. P., Comp. J. A. Taylor.
Roanoke, No. 4, W. W. Daniel, " " F. S. Marshall.
Concord, No. 5, Comp. R. H. Pender.
Temple, No. 6, " George Wortham.
Eureka, No. 7, " Peter Custis, T. R. Wilson.
Oxford, No. 8, Z. M. Paschall, H. P.
Warrenton, No. 9, { Wm. Burge, H. P., T. J. Judkins, S., Comp. J. H. Moore.
Union, No. 17, Eli W. Hines, H. P.
Salisbury, No. 20, E. Myers, H. P.

Visitor, Comp. Thomas F. Gause.

Prayer by Rev. Comp. Wm. Burge, G. C., p. t.

Comp. Paschall presented the proceedings of Oxford Chapter, U. D., and asked for a Charter.

Referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The M. E. G. H. P. submitted his Annual Report, which was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes, and referred to a Committee of Two for disposal of its various subjects.

Committee, Comp's Custis and Marshall.

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER:—

The meridian Sun, in glory illumining the Southern Sky, forcibly impresses upon us the reality that the season of Refreshment has passed; and, quickened by the desire to fulfil the important trusts committed to our care, and invigorated for the task, we promptly obey the sound of the gavel to resume our labors. As Masons, our bosoms should swell with gratitude to God, who has so faithfully superintended us throughout the hours devoted to recreation—shielding us individually and as an Institution from the numerous evils incident to frail mortality—smiling benignantly upon our prosperity, and now permitting us to re-assemble, in our corporate capacity, under the most gratifying auspices. May we, my Companions, by the purity of our acts and honesty of our intentions, humbly endeavor to retain His smiles and bask continually in His favor—but more especially let us invoke upon our present Convocation His Blessing, without which all human efforts were vain, all labor idly spent.

It is well, as we enter upon the discharge of our duties, to review the past, and observe what beneficial results have crowned the operations of the system we are pursuing—whether fidelity has marked the course of those in whom we have confided trusts—whether there be unmistakeable evidence that harmony and uprightness of deportment prevail among all the members of our order; and whether on our part, by any manifestations of affection, we can do aught to promote the happiness or increase the prosperity of those who shelter in our embrace.

We may then turn for a moment and contemplate upon the existing attitude of our dependencies—Can we boast, from the absence of all irritating influences, and the generally healthy condition pervading every department within our jurisdiction, that all things have been wisely ordered, and thus remain satisfied that more persevering exertions, more disinterested devotion in the great cause in which we are engaged, would not tend still higher to elevate our noble order, still more to render it a model of perfection, an object of admiration?

Here let us pause, and calmly survey the prospects which lie before us. We are here assembled for the purpose of legislating; not for ourselves alone, but for those whose very existence, as it were, hangs upon our decree—how great then are our responsibilities, and how zealously should we watch over the interests committed to our charge! It is presumable that the Delegates now present, fresh from the subordinate Chapters, are fully cognizant of the condition, views, feelings and wants of those whom they represent, and are prepared to submit for consideration such propositions as will meet the peculiar requirements of their immediate constituents, or conduce to the well being of the fraternity at large—and I doubt not the Grand Chapter will cheerfully afford its aid in furthering all measures tending to the accomplishment of objects so commendable. Whilst we should not hesitate to establish all necessary Laws and Regulations calculated to advance the welfare of our Institution, let us be extremely cautious, in our zeal, to avoid excessive legislation, lest perchance, instead of remedying an evil, we inflict a scourge. Happily, within our own connexion, there exists no spirit of insubordination, no restless dispositions requiring any harsh appliances; all are manifestly desirous of walking up to the strict letter of their profession, and earning a reputation for the faithful discharge of their duties. Where such a state of feeling predominates, and the constituted authority is duly respected, it were comparatively an easy task, even without extraordinary capacity, to govern with the most pleasing satisfaction.

Masonry sustains a lofty bearing throughout the habitable globe—never, since its erection, was it more emphatically in the ascendant, both at home and abroad—within our own borders and beyond the most distant oceans. Its genuine principles are being more generally inculcated and diffused; hostility succumbs to its generous forbearance and en-

lists under its attractive standard; and its great moral influence bids fair, at no distant day, to entice within its fold, the intelligent of every nation, kindred and tongue. I feel warranted in assuring you that the sublime Degree, in which we are more especially interested, shares respectably in the general prosperity of the craft. Royal Arch Temples are every where springing up, as if by magic, and their portals are thronged with worthy aspirants for favor—particularly within our own jurisdiction, Royal Arch Masonry is alive, and there is in all directions, an increasing anxiety for the erection of new Altars, around which some worthy Companions may be privileged to offer up their Masonic sacrifices.

During the past year, seven Dispensations, on proper application, have been issued for the erection of new Chapters—three of which were granted by the D. G. H. Priest, and four by myself, as follows: Those granted by the D. G. H. Priest were, one at Oxford, named "Oxford;" one at Warrenton, named "Warrenton;" and one at Hillsboro', named "Lafayette." Those granted by myself were, one at Windsor, named "Temple." Comp's Kader Biggs, H. P., G. W. McGlauhon, K., Joseph R. Bird, S. One at Hamilton, named "Conoho," Comp's Wm. Slade, H. P., P. P. Clements, K., T. W. Ward, S. One at Hertford, named "Cherokee," Comp's John C. Ferrill, H. P., W. W. Griffin, K., Roberson White, S., and one at Murfreesboro', named "Mount Ararat," Comp's F. M. Capehart, H. P., A. J. Jones, K., Henry Gilliam, S., all the fees being deposited with the Grand Treasurer.

Most of the above Chapters, I believe, have availed themselves of the services of our Grand Lecturer, Comp. Stevenson, and are understood to be prospering. Charters will probably be obtained for all the above, during your present Convocation, which will swell our numbers to Eighteen regularly enrolled Chapters.

I have felt compelled, by a sense of duty, to withhold my assent, in three several instances, for the revival of dormant Chapters, having ascertained, by investigation, that two of them at least—the old "Temple Chapter" at Windsor, and "Zerubabel Chapter" at Edenton, had forfeited by their disgraceful procedures, all claim to favor; and that the other Chapter, the old "Lafayette," at Hillsboro', had never probably a legitimate paternity. I am happy to add, that the force of the objections urged by me were readily admitted, and applications for new Dispensations immediately substituted by the former petitioners.

On a representation from the High Priest of Salisbury Chapter, M. E., E. Myers, setting forth the improbability of his being enabled, within any reasonable length of time, to obtain the Degree of High Priesthood, and that he was about travelling out of the State, I granted him permission to become qualified at his convenience; and authorized any regular Council beyond our jurisdiction to consecrate and install him—since which, I have received satisfactory evidence from the Grand Council of Virginia, that he there duly passed through the ceremonies as above intimated.

I received a communication from "Cherokee Chapter," under Dispensation, stating that the King and Scribe, owing to certain impediments preventing their regular attendance at the meetings of the Chapter, thereby prejudicing its advancement, had proposed to resign, that others might be appointed in their place. Under these circumstances I issued a warrant, authorizing the resignation as indicated, and in that event appointing James V. Reed as King, and Willis H. Bagley as Scribe—at the same time directing that my warrant should be appended to the Dispensation and be considered a part and parcel thereof.

Since our last Convocation, a correspondence with Comp's Kader Biggs, and John V. Reed in reference to Temple Chapter at Windsor, and Zerubabel Chapter at Edenton, has confirmed my former apprehensions that those Chapters had outraged all Masonic propriety, and consequently had forfeited all claim to respect. I therefore requested the above named Companions to take charge of the Charters and effects, collect all outstanding arrearages, pay off, so far as the means would permit, all just claims, and report their action in the premises. I apprehend, however, that the matter will here rest forever.

At our last annual meeting, a Resolution imposed upon the G. H. Priest the duty of examining into the situation of Phœnix Chapter. Availing myself of the opportunity presented by a contemplated visit of our Grand Secretary, R. G. Rankin, to Fayetteville, I deputized him to ascertain its condition—his report was very satisfactory, representing that any apparent neglect in that Chapter arose from circumstances beyond their control—that himself, in connexion with two other High Priests, opened a Council and duly consecrated M. E., E. L. Winslow, High Priest elect of the above Chapter—he further testifies as to the zeal of our Companions in Fayetteville being assured that at the ap-

proaching Grand Convocation all necessary returns would be promptly made through their representative.

The G. H. Priest was authorized to procure for the use of the Grand Chapter a set of Collars and Jewels—the necessary arrangements for effecting that object was made, and they have arrived, at your service.

The Committee, appointed for the purpose, will submit for your consideration, a Constitution for the Grand Chapter as revised by them—it will be your province to take such action in regard thereto as your wisdom shall dictate.

The regular triennial session of the General Grand Chapter was held in the city of Boston, in September last—the printed Proceedings of that Grand Body are placed on the Grand Secretary's Desk, subject to inspection. Being unable to attend in person, I appointed as my proxy to represent our Grand Chapter in that august assembly, our worthy Grand Lecturer, M. E., L. L. Stevenson, from whom I have received only a partial Report. Expecting, however, that he will be present on this occasion, and detail to you whatever of interest may have transpired while in attendance as above, I deem it unnecessary to trespass on your time by indulging in unprofitable speculations. It is to be doubted, however, whether the showing of the printed Proceedings, relative to the disposition of several important subjects brought to the notice of that Grand Body, and urged upon its consideration by the special action of many entitled to respect, will meet with general approbation —verbal explanations, improper perhaps to be otherwise communicated, may nevertheless tend greatly to reconcile any apparent heedlessness in the determining of momentous questions. It is with no little impatience, therefore, we await those explanations.

By the printed proceedings, the only action taken in regard to the R. and Select Degrees, was on a proposition to enquire into the expediency of forming a G. G. Council for the U. S.—voted inexpedient. So that those Degrees remain as they were, in common among the Chapters, Councils and other Supreme Grand Bodies.

An Amendment to the G. G. Constitution, modifying the Fee for Charters, was negatived. I should have objected to the general terms of the proposed amendment. A specified sum of, say not less than $50, should have been named.

A uniform mode of Work and Lectures was agreed upon and established, varying in some particulars, as I am informed, from our present system. I have instructed our Grand Lecturer to conform thereto in his practice, which will doubtless receive your sanction.

Propositions for creating a Representative Fund, and for permanently locating the G. G. Chapter at Baltimore, were laid over until the next triennial session. The first proposition in regard to the establishment of a Representative Fund for the payment of the necessary expenses of Delegates to the G. G. Chapter, and fixing permanent salaries for G. G. Officers, will require your future action, and should be well matured, as a *tax* will be consequent thereto—altho' even *that* in an economical point of view, may be favorably considered.

Whether its constituency receive benefit or not from the late doings of the G. G. Chapter, I am decidedly in favor of sustaining it, and opposed to any expression or act which may be applied to its transactions, bearing even the semblance of derision.

The appointment by this Grand Chapter of a Grand Lecturer, has proved eminently successful, the several Chapters availing themselves of the benefit of his services, having expressed to me in decided terms their obligations for the valuable instructions received by his visitations. Doubtless he will submit to you an interesting report of his sojourn among the Companions in the various portions of the State visited by him.

By a recent communication from M. E., Wm. G. Hill, D. G. H. Priest, I regret to learn that it will be out of his power to be present at this session of the G. Chapter. He reports the fact of his having Dispensated three Chapters—that Oxford and Warrenton are doing well; and that, assisted by Comp. Cosby, he recently opened the Chapter at Hillsboro' and conferred some Degrees—the Companions anxiously expecting a visit from the Grand Lecturer.

The second article of the Grand Constitution prescribes that at the present Convocation shall be determined the expediency of continuing the Convocations of the Grand Chapter at Wilmington, or of holding them at some point which may have become more central. I trust that you have all come prepared in regard to that question, and that your action thereon will be marked by a singular unanimity. Let me admonish you, as the Representatives of a sublime Order, never to lose sight of your character as such, especially in the intercourse which will naturally spring up among you, that you suffer no warmth of feeling, no excitement of passion, to betray you into the indulgence of in-

flamatory expressions calculated in the smallest degree to wound the sensibilities of a single Brother, and which, in your more sober moments, you would yourselves abhor. I barely allude to so unpleasant a topic—not that I apprehend any such occurrence, but to place a Masonic veto upon certain disreputable scenes sometimes permitted to be enacted even within our consecrated Temples, to the great scandal of our sublime profession.

The proceedings of our Sister Grand Chapters embody a mass of interesting matter, and betoken throughout their extended jurisdiction an unwonted degree of prosperity. But I will not by any extended remarks, anticipate the Report of the committee appropriately having this matter in charge, not doubting that it will receive ample justice at their hands.

Having with poor ability spread before you probably my last official communication, it remains only for me to apprise you of my determination to retire from all the responsibilities of office, my private affairs requiring at present my undivided attention. Whatever, therefore, may be your individual partiality, I must unequivocally beg of you not to view me as available for any position involving responsibility.

I am under heavy obligations to my Brethren, never to be cancelled, for the unabating confidence they have ever so generally reposed in me, and for the many honors they have literally showered upon one so little deserving—but, sensible of my imperfections, I feel that I am a Mason, both in body and soul, and that you will not question my sincerity, when I assure you that, in whatever station, the most humble or exalted, fortune may hereafter place me, retaining the ordinary faculties with which I may by nature be endowed, and enjoying health and liberty, Masonry, on any trying emergency, whether bleeding from unpardonable indiscretions or jeopardized by threatening combinations, shall never suffer reproach for want of a ready Champion.

With emotions enkindled by the fondest recollections, I take my leave, commending you most fervently to the protecting care of the Great High Priest above, praying that his Spirit may ever preside over your Councils, and watch over you individually.

P. W. FANNING, G. H. P.

Comp. Martin from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the application of Warrenton Chapter, Warrenton; Lafayette Chapter, Hillsboro'; Conoho Chapter, Windsor; and Oxford Chapter, Oxford; for Charters, with accompanying documents, embracing By-Laws, Proceedings, &c., have carefully examined the same, and find them regular and in due form, with a very trifling exception found in the 1st article of the By-Laws of Conoho Chapter, which seems to recognize the right of any officer of the Chapter to call special Convocations, which article your Committee recommend should be amended by said Chapter.

Your Committee recommend that Charters be granted to the above named Chapters, and as several of the Chapters holding Dispensations and Charters from this Grand Chapter under its original organization are now extinct, your Committee would recommend that the above Chapters take their numbers, which would give Warrenton Chapter No. 9, Lafayette No. 11; Conoho No. 12; Temple, No. 6; and Oxford, No. 8. Your Committee observe in the proceedings of Oxford Chapter, that on the 10th May, 1851, Thomas B. Jones was expelled by that Chapter from all the rights and benefits of Masonry; which proceedings we recommend should be referred to the Committee on Proceedings and Returns.

Respectfully submitted.

A. MARTIN,
R. H. PENDER, } Committee.
W. W. DANIEL,

On motion of Comp. Martin,

Resolved, That the Delegates present from Subordinate Chapters, to whom Charters are ordered to issue, be admitted to seats in the Grand Chapter.

The report of the Special Committee on the Royal and Select Degrees, laid over to this Communication was taken up and indefinitely postponed.

The Committee on Credentials made a further report, which was received and adopted.

The Committee on Credentials, report Comp. J. A. Taylor, proxy for B. G. Bates, Scribe of Concord Chapter, No. 1. Comp. Geo. Wortham, delegate from Temple Chapter, No. 6. Comp's Wm. Burge, H. P., T. J. Judkins, Scribe, and J. H. Moore, proxy for King of Warrenton Chapter, No. 9. Comp. Z. M. Paschall, H. P., Oxford, No. 8. Raleigh, No. 10, J. M. Cosby, H. P,

A. MARTIN,
T. R. WILSON, } Committee.

On motion, it was

Ordered, That a Convention be held this afternoon, at 3 o'clock, for the purpose of deciding upon the permanent location of the Grand Chapter, agreeably to the 2d article of the Grand Constitution.

The Committee appointed at the last Convocation to amend the Constitution and By-Laws, through Comp. Martin, reported a new Grand Constitution, which was received and made the special business, after the adjournment of the Convention.

The Grand Chapter called off 'till Convention adjourned.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Convention having adjourned, the Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

Officers and Representatives as this morning.

Comp. J. W. Cosby appeared and took his seat as Grand King, and as representative of Raleigh Chapter, No. 10.

The proceedings of the Convention held this afternoon, was reported to the Grand Chapter by the Secretary, which, on motion, was received and confirmed.

The Constitution submitted by the Committee this morning, was taken up, read by articles, amended and adopted.

On motion of Comp. Daniel,

Resolved, That the election of Officers take place at 3 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

On motion of Comp. Rankin,

Resolved, That any Chapter whose Charter may be revived by the Grand Officers during recess, shall not be chargeable with dues until after the next Annual Grand Communication.

The Grand Chapter called off till 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

ROBT. G. RANKIN, *Grand Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M., 4th June, 1851.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E., P. W. Fanning,	G. H. P.
" " Alfred Martin,	P. G. H. P.
" " John W. Cosby,	G. King.
" " T. R. Wilson,	G. Scribe, p. t.
" Peter Custis,	G. Marshal, p. t.
" F. S. Marshall,	G. P. S. p. t.
" Wm. W. Daniel,	G. R. A. C. p. t.
" R. H. Pender,	G. M. 3 V. p. t.
" Eli W. Hines,	G. M. 2 V.
" E. Myers,	G. M. 1 V.
" T. W. Brown,	G. Treasurer.
" Robt. G. Rankin,	G. Sec'y.
" L. L. Stevenson,	G. Lect'r.
" Rev. Wm. Burge,	G. Chaplain, p. t.
" H. W. Foy,	G. Tyler, p. t.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Concord, No. 1, R. G. Rankin, H. P.
Roanoke, No. 4, W. W. Daniel, " " F. S. Marshall.
Concord, No. 5, Comp. R. H. Pender.
Temple, No. 6, " George Wortham.
Eureka, No. 7, " Peter Custis, T. R. Wilson.
Oxford, No. 8, Z. M. Paschall, H. P.
Warrenton, No. 9, Wm. Burge, H. P., T. J. Judkins, S., Comp. J. H. Moore.
Raleigh, No. 10, John W. Cosby, H. P.
Union, No. 17, Eli W. Hines, H. P.
Salisbury, No. 20, E. Myers, H. P.
Visitors—Comp's C. D. Hill, and R. T. Heflin.

Prayer by Rev. Comp. Wm. Burge, G. Chaplain, P. T.

Comp. L. L. Stevenson made his report as Grand Lecturer, which was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

TO THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The undersigned having been appointed Grand Lecturer of Royal Arch Masons for this State at the last Convocation of this Grand Body, respectfully report:

That he has at their solicitation, visited and instructed three of the chartered Chapters, viz: Phœnix, No. 2, Fayetteville; Concord, No. 5, Tarboro', and Keystone, No. 19, Plymouth. I found the Fayetteville Chapter in quite a drooping condition, seldom meeting, and much in need of instruction, which I imparted to them, and had reason to believe when I left them, that they would go on, prospering. The Chapters at Tarboro' and Plymouth, I am happy to say, are in quite a healthy condition.

During the year, I have set the following Chapters to work under Dispensations, some of which were issued by the Grand High Priest, others by the Deputy Grand High Priest, viz: Temple Chapter, at the Town of Windsor, in which there were ten Exaltations,

Oxford Chapter, at the Town of Oxford; Exalted nine. Warrenton Chapter, at the Town of Warrenton; Exalted eight. Conoho Chapter, at the Town of Hamilton; Exalted nineteen. Cherokee Chapter, at the Town of Hertford; Exalted thirteen. Mount Ararat Chapter, at the town of Murfreesboro'; Exalted fifteen.

I left all those Chapters qualified to do the work of the several Degrees pertaining to the Chapter, in a creditable manner, and have no doubt they will all make their returns and apply for Charters during the present Grand Convocation.

At the request, and by the appointment of M. E., P. W. Fanning, Grand High Priest, I represented this Grand Chapter in the triennial session of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States, which assembled at the Masonic Temple in the city of Boston, on the 10th day of September last. The printed proceedings of which meeting, now before this Grand Body, gives a full and clear history of all the business transacted by that august body, renders it unnecessary for me to make any other report in reference thereto, than that of exemplifying the mode of work, as adopted and directed to be practised by all the Chapters under its jurisdiction; which I am prepared to do, at such time during the present session, as may be designated by the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. STEVENSON, G. L.

Comp. Custis from the committee on the address of the M. E. G. High Priest,

Comp. Pender from the committee on Claims,

Comp. Martin " " " " Accounts,

The M. E. G. H. P. " " " Finance,

Submitted reports, all of which were received and adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. E. G. High Priest for disposal of its various subjects, have the pleasure to report:

That every thing has passed off so smoothly during the past Masonic year, that there are no grievances to rectify—no questions to settle, and that there is nothing requiring the intervention of Committees, except the subject of a "Representative Fund," which was submitted to Subordinate Grand Chapters by the General Grand Chapter, but as that body will not convene for a length of time, they recommend that the subject be left for future action.

PETER CUSTIS, } Committee.
F. S. MARSHALL, }

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The Committee on Claims beg leave to report, that there is no business to come before them for their action, and ask to be discharged.

F. S. MARSHALL, } Committee.
R. H. PENDER, }

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Your Committee upon Accounts have examined the Books of the Treasurer and Secretary, and find them correct and in proper form.

We find that the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, at the close of the last Annual Communication, was		$569 17
The receipts for the present year have been as follows, viz:		
For 7 Dispensations,		630 00
For Dues from Subordinate Chapters,		150 00
For Interest on Funds Invested,		27 00
Amounting to the sum of		$1,376 17
The Disbursements, for all of which proper vouchers were exhibited amount to	$479 12	
Amount invested by Finance Committee,	700 00	
		$1,179 12
Leaving Cash balance in the Treasury, of		$197 05

The following Chapters have paid Dues for 1851, which amounts are included in the above statement, Roanoke, No. 4. Salisbury, No. 20. Eureka, No. 7. Union, No. 17. Raleigh, No. 10, and for 1852, Concord, No. 5, and Concord, No. 1. Gaston, No. 18, for 1850 and 1851.

The following Chapters are in arrears.

Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, Fayetteville, 4 years,	$60 00
Chorazin Chapter, No. 13, Greensboro', 1 year,	15 00
Keystone Chapter, No. 19, Plymouth, 1 year,	15 00
	$90 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. MARTIN, } Committee.
ELI W. HINES, }

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The Finance Committee beg leave to report, that they have received from the Grand Treasurer the sum of Seven Hundred Dollars, which sum has been loaned out upon interest, for Notes with good and sufficient securities.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING, }
A. MARTIN, } Committee.
T. W. BROWN, }

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Comp. Cosby having enquired whether Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, was at work, and stated that Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, had conferred Degrees upon one within the jurisdiction of Phœnix, No. 2, without its consent, it was

Resolved, That the whole matter be referred to a Committee of Two.

Committee, Comp's Wortham and Pender.

Comp. Stevenson, presented the proceedings of Cherokee Chapter, U. D., asking for a Charter. Referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The Grand Chapter called off 'till 3 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

Officers and Representatives as this morning.

Visitors—Comp's Robt. Strange, Jr., and Alfred Smith.

Comp. Stephen D. Wallace, King of Concord Chapter, No. 1, appeared and was admitted to a seat.

Comp. F. M. Capehart presented the proceedings of Mt. Ararat Chapter, U. D., and requested a Charter. Referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations made a report, which was received and adopted.

Your Committee to whom was referred the application of Cherokee Chapter in the Town of Hertford, Perquimons county, and Mount Ararat Chapter, at Murfreesboro',

Hertford county, for Charters, with accompanying documents, embracing By-Laws, Proceedings, &c., beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the same, and find them regular and in due form.

Your commitee would therefore recommend that Charters be granted to the above named Chapters, and that Cherokee Chapter take the number 14, and Mount Ararat Chapter number 3, and that Comp. Joseph M. Cox be appointed High Priest of Cherokee Chapter, at the request of the Companions of said Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. DANIEL, } Committee.
R. H. PENDER, }

Comp. F. M. Capehart, H. P., was admitted as a Delegate from Mt. Ararat Chapter, No. 3.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the Election of Officers.

On motion,

Ordered, That in the event of no Companion receiving a majority of votes east, the one receiving the lowest number shall be dropped on each ballot.

Ordered, That in voting for Grand Officers the list of Chapters shall be called by the Grand Secretary, and the Delegates of each Chapter shall vote as their Chapter is called.

The Election resulted as follows:

Robt. G. Rankin,	of	Wilmington,	G. H. P.
Wm. G. Hill,	"	Raleigh,	D. G. H. P.
John W. Cosby,	"	"	G. King.
Zeb. M. Paschall,	"	Oxford,	G. Scribe.
Henry P. Russell,	"	Wilmington,	G. Sec'y.
Thos. W. Brown,	"	"	G. Treas'r.
Rev. Wm. Burge,	"	Warren,	G. Chaplain.
J. H. Moore,	"	Warrenton,	G. Marshal.

On motion of Comp. Cosby,

Resolved, That the Installation of Officers take place at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

On motion of Comp. Pender,

Resolved, That the sum of Ffity Dollars be allowed Companion Rankin for his services as Grand Secretary, and that the Grand Treasurer pay the same. Also, that the Grand Treasurer be allowed Twenty Dollars for his services as Grand Treasurer.

Comp. Wallace, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report:

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report, that the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and of the Grand Chapters of the States of Virginia, Kentucky, Rhode Island, Alabama, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Mississippi, have been submitted to us, and have received that careful attention which their importance demanded. The "triennial session," convened in Boston on the 10th September, A. D., 1850. The precepts inculcated by the "Square, Level and Plumb" appear to

have actuated the members, while harmony, order and despatch characterized their proceedings, and hence a laudable disposition was evidenced to advance the interests of the order for whose welfare they had met to deliberate.

In that body, this Grand Chapter was represented by Comp. L. L. Stevenson, as proxy for the G. H. P. At an early period of the session, the vexed question of the Royal and Select Degrees, was referred to a Committee of which the Representative from this Body was a member, who reported "it inexpedient to take any action on the subject of forming a General Grand Council of R. and S. Masters;" which report was concurred in, wisely as we think, and we hope any farther agitation in the premises, will be abstained from, leaving those degrees where ancient usage has placed them, and where they have been found, under the jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masonry. The propriety of conferring the R. A. Degrees on those not of hale and entire limbs, also received the attention of that body, and its decision we think in consonance with the views of this G. C.—they remark, that "as a question of Masonic law" they "do not believe that the old rule can be considered as an ancient and essential land-mark which is to be treated as immutable forever," but consider it "a mere question of convenience and policy, which may be properly modified by competent Masonic authority;" and to give authority and practical effect to these views, this Resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That hereafter it shall be considered competent for a Royal Arch Chapter to confer the Chapter Degrees on a Master Mason who has but one arm.

We are pleased to observe also, that the Committee on Work and Lectures were gratified, that so little difference existed as to the mode and manner of work practised by the Representatives, hailing as they did from every section of the Union,—they observe "The slight variances even in the modes of expression was remarkable, when we consider the peculiarities of the vernacular tongue in different sections of the United States." This investigation and its results, we regard highly important, as uniformity in work and usages is of paramount importance to the well being and perpetuity of the order. and we can conceive of no better plan of assimilation, than by bringing into association the different members composing the great family of Companions. To attain this "desideratum," it is extremely desirable that the circle should be complete, and that from one common centre should radiate the light to illumine and the law to govern. We appeal therefore to the dissenting Grand Chapters, and fraternally ask them to reconsider their opposition, and fondly anticipate that the future will find each of them recognising the General Grand Chapter as their Supreme Head,—then the Circle would be complete and the objections of this Grand Chapter removed. We suggest that hereafter this G. C. require its Representative to be "in propria persona" and that the Representative be held to a strict accountability—we recommend a like action to other G. Chapters, believing that such a rule will forestall unwise legislation, and act as a safeguard against intolerance.

The views entertained by this, in common with other G. Chapters as to the doctrine of Expulsion and its "modus operandi" between Chapters and Lodges, has been confirmed by the General G. Chapter as the true procedure, and we are pleased to observe that it is obtaining general consent, and may therefore be set down as a part of the recognized "work."

We learn also that difficulties which existed in Louisiana and Texas have been adjusted, and that the latter with the former now fraternize as members of the G. G. C., and further that Masonry in the great West, and South West has never known a brighter or more auspicious day. May its march continue onward until its benign influences gird our country and number as its advocates the good and great of every clime.

Our special thanks are due to the Grand Chapters already enumerated for their fraternal courtesy in exchanging with us their published proceedings. We congratulate them *all* on their advancement in the sublime science, the bright prospect that awaits them in the future, and above all on the sweet enjoyment realized by dwelling together in unity. May the existence of each be coeval with time, and each succeeding year find in this body the evidence of their perpetuity. We feel safe in affirming that this G. C. will promptly reciprocate such courtesy, believing each act of kindness promotive of that peace and harmony, all true Masons should aim to cultivate.

Your Committee approve the sentiment of the G. Chapter of Kentucky, that while Masonry is essentially and emphatically free, and that every Royal Arch Mason should have the privilege of entering a Chapter, every where, and "ad libitum," so long as he is neither suspended nor expelled, yet it is a source of regret that many refuse to hold membership, neutralizing by their action the strength of our organization. We believe it

the duty of each Mason, by his presence, his means, and influence to co-operate in elevating our order and assist in building up, establishing and adorning our Temple in its most Holy Faith.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. D. WALLACE, Chairman.

Comp. Wortham, from the Special Committee on Phœnix and Raleigh Chapters, reported as follows:

Report of the Committee on the matter of Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, and Raleigh Chapter, No. 10.

TO THE GRAND CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that the G. H. P., of the G. C. of N. C., having jurisdiction over the whole matter, they would respectfully refer it to his disposition.

GEO. WORTHAM, } Committee.
R. H. PENDER, }

Both of which were received and adopted.

Comp's Daniel, Marshall and Cosby, asked and obtained leave of absence.

Comp. F. M. Capehart, asked and obtained leave of absence, and appointed Comp. T. W. Brown, his proxy.

The Grand Chapter called off 'till to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

ROBT. G. RANKIN, *Grand Sec'y.*

THURSDAY, 5th June, 1851, 10 A. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E., P. W. Fanning,	G. H. P.
" " A. Martin,	P. G. H. P.
" " R. H. Pender,	G. King, p. t.
" " T. J. Judkins,	G. Scribe, p. t.
" A. Martin,	G. M. p. t.
" George Wortham,	G. R. A. C. p. t.
" Jas. H. Moore,	G. M. 3 V. p. t.
" E. W. Hines,	G. M. 2 V.
" E. Myers,	G. M. 1 V.
" T. W. Brown,	G. Treas'r.
" R. G. Rankin,	G. Sec'y.
" L. L. Stevenson,	G. Lec'r.
" Rev. Wm. Burge,	G. Chaplin, p. t.
" Hiram W. Foy,	G. Tyler, p. t.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Concord, No. 1, R. G. Rankin, H. P.
Mt. Ararat, No. 3, T. W. Brown, proxy of F. M. Capehart, H. P.
Concord, No. 5, Comp. R. H. Pender.
Temple, No. 6, " George Wortham.
Oxford, No. 8, Z. M. Paschall, H. P.
Warrenton, No. 9, Wm. Burge, H. P., T. J. Judkins, S., Comp. J. H. Moore.
Union, No. 17, Eli W. Hines, H. P.
Salisbury, No. 20, E. Myers, H. P.
Visitors—Comp. H. P. Russell.

Comp. Robt. G. Rankin, the G. H. Priest elect, was duly installed in office by M. E., P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.

The M. E. G. H. P., then made the following appointments:

Comp.	Peter Custis,	of Newbern,	G. P. S.
"	E. Myers,	" Salisbury,	G. R. A. C.
"	E. W. Hines,	" Duplin,	G. M. 3 V.
"	R. H. Pender,	" Tarboro',	" " 2 "
"	Geo. Wortham,	" Bertie,	" " 1 "
"	H. W. Foy,	" Wilmington,	G. Tyler.

The Officers elected and appointed were duly installed by the M. E. G. H. P., (those absent by proxy.)

The M. E. G. H. P., appointed

M. E., Comp. L. L. Stevenson, of Virginia, Grand Lecturer.

Committee of Finance, Comp's P. W. Fanning, A. Martin, T. W. Brown.

On motion of Comp. P. W. Fanning,

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay Comp. H. W. Foy, Ten Dollars for his services as Grand Tyler.

The committee on Proceedings and Returns, made the following report, which was received and adopted.

The committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the several returns of the following Subordinate Chapters and find them correct.

	Exalted.	Deaths.	Expelled.
Concord, No. 1, Wilmington,	16	1	
Mount Ararat, U. D.,	15		
Roanoke, No. 4,	5	1	
Concord, No. 5,	10	1	
Temple, U. D.,	14		
Eureka, No. 7,	5	1	
Oxford, U. D.,	11		1
Warrenton, U. D.,	22		
Raleigh, No. 10,	9	2	
Cherokee, U. D.,	11		
Lafayette, U. D.,	3		
Conoho, U. D.,	21		
Union, No. 17,	13		
Salisbury, No. 20,	17		
Total.	172	6	1

The following Chapters have made no returns, Phœnix, No. 2; Chorazin, No. 13; Keystone, No. 19; and Gaston, No, 18.

They recommend that the Expulsion of Thomas B. Jones, by Oxford Chapter, be confirmed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ROBT. H. PENDER, one of the Committee.

Comp. A. Martin, offered the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That whenever a Convention of High Priests shall assemble in this jurisdiction, the President thereof shall report proceedings to the Grand Secretary, who shall record the same in the books of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of Comp. Myers,

Resolved, That the M. E. G. H. P. be authorized to procure 30 suitable Aprons for the use of this Grand Chapter.

Comp. Myers offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and to Concord Chapter, No. 1, for their kind attention extended to us during this Convocation, and for the use of their Hall.

On motion of Comp. Wm. Burge,

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter be tendered to M. E., P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., for the able manner in which he has conducted the proceedings of the same.

On motion of Comp. Martin,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby authorized to have 200 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter printed, including the Constitution adopted at the present session.

During the Convocation the following High Priests were duly installed.

M. E.,	F. M. Capehart,	of Mt. Ararat Chapter,		No.	3,
"	W. W. Daniel,	" Roanoke	"	"	4,
"	Z. M. Paschall,	" Oxford	"	"	8,
"	Wm. Burge,	" Warrenton	"	"	9,

And the work as adopted by the General Grand Chapter exemplified by Comp. L. L. Stevenson, Grand Lecturer.

The Grand Chapter closed in "Solemn Form," to meet again on the first Monday in June, A.·. D. 1852, A.·. I. 2382.

HENRY P. RUSSELL, *Grand Sec'y.*

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Convention of the members of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina and Delegates from Subordinate Chapters, held in *St. Johns Hall*, in Wilmington, on Tuesday, the 3d June, 1851, pursuant to order, for the purpose of deciding upon the permanent location of the Grand Chapter.

PRESENT:

P. W. Fanning,	M. E. G. H. P.
Alfred Martin,	" " P G. H. P.
John W. Cosby,	" " G. King.
T. W. Brown,	G. Treasurer.
Robt. G. Rankin,	G. Sec'y.

DELEGATES FROM SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Concord,	No. 1,	R. G. Rankin, John A Taylor,
Roanoke,	" 4,	W. W. Daniel, F. S. Marshall,
Concord,	" 5,	R. H. Pender,
Temple,	" 6,	George Wortham,
Eureka,	" 7,	Peter Custis, T. R. Wilson,
Oxford,	" 8,	Z. M. Paschall,
Warrenton,	" 9,	Wm. Burge, T. J. Judkins, J. H. Moore,
Raleigh,	" 10,	John W. Cosby,
Union,	" 17,	E. W. Hines,
Salisbury,	" 20,	E. Myers.

M. E., P. W. Fanning was appointed President and Robert G. Rankin, Secretary.

On motion of Comp. Moore,

Resolved, That the vote in Convention be taken by Chapters.

Resolved, That in case of a tie, where there are but two Delegates present from any Chapter, the higher officer of the two shall give the third vote of his Chapter.

The Convention proceeded to ballot for the location, which resulted as follows:

Wilmington, 27. Raleigh, 8.

The Convention adjourned *sine die*.

P. W. FANNING, *Pres't*.

R. G. RANKIN, *Sec'y*.

WILMINGTON, N. C., 3d June, A. D. 1851. A. L. 2381.

A Convention of High Priests assembled in St. John's Hall.

PRESENT.

M. E.,	L. L. Stevenson,	President,
"	Alfred Martin,	Master of Ceremonies,
"	P. W. Fanning,	Conductor,
"	Robt. G. Rankin,	Recorder,
"	E. Myers,	
"	E. W. Hines,	

E. Companions John W. Cosby, High Priest elect of Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, and Wm. Burge, H. P. elect of Warrenton Chapter, No. 9, presented their Certificates of Election, and were consecrated High Priests of the order of Melchisidec, in solemn form.

THURSDAY, 4th June, 1851.

A Convention of High Priests assembled in St. John's Hall.

PRESENT.

M. E.,	L. L. Stevenson,	President,
"	E. Myers,	Master of Ceremonies,
"	P. W. Fanning,	Conductor,
"	R. G. Rankin,	Recorder,
"	E. W. Hines,	

E. Companions Z. M. Paschall, of Oxford Chapter, No. 8, W. W. Daniel, of Roanoke, No. 4, and F. M. Capehart, of Mt. Ararat, No. 3, presented Certificates of Election as High Priests of their respective Chapters, and were consecrated High Priests of the order of Melchisidec, in solemn form.

ROBT. G. RANKIN, *Recorder.*

A LIST OF "HIGH PRIESTS" IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Wilmington,	M. E.,	James F. McRee,
"	"	Alex. MacRae,
"	"	P. W. Fanning,
"	"	Alfred Martin,
"	"	Isaac Northrop,
"	"	Dugald McMillan,
"	"	Robert G. Rankin,
Raleigh,	"	Wm. G. Hill,
"	"	E. B. Freeman,
"	"	John W. Cosby,
Salisbury,	"	E. Myers,
Roxboro',	"	C. H. Jordan,

Fayetteville,	M. E.,	Robert Strange,
"	"	John McRae,
"	"	Ed. L. Winslow,
Duplin,	"	L. R. Loftin,
"	"	Eli W. Hines,
Tarboro',	"	Lewis Bond,
"	"	Wm. Geo. Thomas,
Halifax,	"	W. W. Daniel,
"	"	C. N. Webb,
Goldsboro',	"	James Griswold,
Oxford,	"	Zeb. M. Paschall,
Warrenton,	"	Wm. Burge,
Murfreesboro',	"	F. M. Capehart,
Newbern,	"	A. T. Jerkins.

The above list comprises all the High Priests, as far as can be at this time ascertained, should there be any omissions, the Grand Secretary would be pleased to receive notice to enable him to make a complete register.

The Grand Chapter of North Carolina, in Account with
T. W. Brown, Grand Treasurer.

1850, Jan. 4,	To John Banks for Tyling	$ 7 00		
" " "	" Appropriation Union Chapter, No. 17,	15 00		
" " "	Remitted Key Stone Chapter,	36 00		
" " "	" Salisbury Chapter.	30 00		
" Jan. 19,	Paid Secretary,	48 27		
" Aug. 15,	" A. A. Brown,	26 75		
" Sept. 7,	Check on N. Y., L. L. Stevenson,	100 00		
" Dec. 7,	Paid Printing, (Carolinian,)	1 50		
" " 14,	" " (A. A. Brown.)	1 25		
" " 21	" R. G. Rankin, (Charters,)	30 00		
1851, April 22.	" S. & D. Teller for Collars,	96 48		
" " "	" Subscription to Masonic Review,	1 00		
" May 27,	" Hodges for Desk,	11 75		
" " 31,	To Book Binding,—Carteret,	2 62		
" June 2,	Set of Jewels,	70 00		
" May	Paid A. A. Brown, Printing,	1 50		
"	To amount Paid Finance Committee,	700 00		
	Balance on hand,	167 05		
				$1,346 17
1850, Jan. 4,	By am't bro't up, balance on hand,		$569 17	
" " 5,	Dues from Roanoke Chapter,		15 00	
" July 26,	Check,		90 00	
1851, May 22,	Dues from Roanoke Chapter,		15 00	
" " 31,	By 6 mos. Interest on $500,		15 00	
" " "	" Cash,		540 00	
" June 2,	" Dues from sundry Chapters,		75 00	
" " 3,	" Raleigh Chapter,		15 00	
" " "	" 1 yr. In. on $200—I. Northrop,		12 00	
				$1,346 17
	Balance bro't down,		$167 05	
	Since the above, I have rec'd from Gaston Chap'r, No. 18,		30 00	
				$197 00

Examined and found Correct.

P. W. FANNING, } Committee.
JNO. W. COSBY, }

List of Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, from Returns received to 2d June, A.·. D. 1851.

NAME.	NO.	LOCATION.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	Expelled past year.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.
Concord,	1	Wilmington,	Robt. G. Rankin,	M. Cronly,	16	16
Phœnix,	2	Fayetteville,	Ed. L. Winslow,	No Returns,		
Mt. Ararat,	3	Murfreesboro',	F. M. Capehart,	J. R. Darden,	15	
Roanoke,	4	Halifax,	W. W. Daniel,	C. N. Webb,	5	
Concord,	5	Tarboro',	Wm. Geo. Thomas,	L. C. Pender,	10	
Temple,	6	Windsor,	Kader Biggs,	Peter Humeberry,	14	
Eureka,	7	Newbern,	A. T. Jerkins,	E R. Stanly,	5	
Oxford,	8	Oxford,	Zeb. M. Paschall,	J. T. Littlejohn,	11	
Warrenton,	9	Warrenton,	Wm. Burge,		22	
Raleigh,	10	Raleigh,	John W. Cosby,	Wm. Dallas Haywood.	9	
Lafayette,	11	Hillsboro',	Pride Jones,		3	
Conoho,	21	Hamilton,	Wm. Slado,	J. H. Turner,	21	
Chorazin,	13	Greensboro',		No Returns,		
Cherokee,	14	Hertford,	J. M. Cox,	Josiah H. White,	11	
Union,	17	Dup'in,	E. W. Hines,	C. D. Hill,	13	
Gaston,	18	Roxboro',		No Returns,		
Keystone,	19	Plymouth,		No Returns,		
Salisbury,	20	Salisbury;	E. Myers,	J. A. Worth,	17	

Returns of Chapters working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

Concord Chapter, No. 1,—Wilmington.

OFFICERS.

M. E.,	Robt. G. Rankin,	High Priest,
"	S. D. Wallace,	King,
"	B. G. Bates,	Scribe,
Comp.	E. J. Lutterloh,	Captain of the Host,
"	Robt. Strange, Jr.	Principal Sojourner,
"	H. P. Russell	Royal Arch Captain,
"	R. Morris,	Master 3 Veil,
"	W. J. Price,	" 2 "
"	D. Teller,	" 1 "
"	John A. Taylor,	Treasurer,
"	M. Cronly,	Secretary.
"	A. Paul Repiton,	Chaplain,
"	H. W. Foy,	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

P. W. Fanning, G. H. P.,
Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P.,
Alex. McRae, Sr., P. H. P.,
Isaac Northrop, P. H. P.,
Thomas Marshall,
Thomas Cowan,
L. H. Marsteller,
A. A. Brown,
Geo. Harriss,
D. McMillan,
A. McRae, Jr.,
G. R. French,
T. F. Gause,
John Christian,
Rev. William Closs,
Talcott Burr, Jr,,
S. D. Wallace,
John Smith,
C. B. Morris,
E. Wolfe,
T. W. Brown,
D. E. Roberts,
John D. Powers,
Rev. Wm. C. Parks,
Wm. A. Burr,
J. A. Silliman,
S. Teller,
I. B. Smith,
O. L. Fillyaw,
Rev. S. H. Brown,
J. B. Russell,
T. D. Meares,
J. S. James,
J. Wilkinson,
W. D. Smith,
R. Maxwell,
J. R. Beaman,
Cyrus Packard,
Joseph Green,
James T. Miller,
D. A. Lamont,
Robert Fenner,
A. B. Chesnut,
Treat F. Peck,
Owen Fennell,
J. R. Redman,
Thomas I. Faison,
W. W. Harriss,
E. V. Kelly,
Wm. Murphy,
C. McMillan,
Alex. Lamont,
Alfred Smith,
Wm. G. Jones,
T. C. Worth,
Wm. J. Price,
Wm. Huntington,
Jacob Lyon,
Wm. C. Howard,
John McAuslan,
T. F. Robeson,
John Nutt,

Owen Holmes,	J. E. Motts,
James Burney,	C. F. Murphy,
R. E. Troy,	P. D. Trawick,
J. A. Barnes,	J. H. Wright,
W. E. Freeman,	J. J. McDugald,
J. M. Foy,	W. C. Willkings,
H. Hirsh,	A. J. Howell,
John Garwood,	J. H. Allen,
John Branton,	Samuel Bond.

Admitted 0; Exalted 16; Withdrawn 0; Deaths 1; Suspensions 1, Rejections 1.

Phœnix, No. 2,—Fayetteville,—No Returns.

Mt. Ararat, No. 3,—Murfreesboro',—Late Under Dispensation

Roanoke, No. 4,—Halifax.

OFFICERS.

M. E.,	William W. Daniel,	High Priest,
"	Thos. L. B. Gregory,	King,
"	John T. Pope,	Scribe,
Comp.	A. V. Russell,	Captain of the Host,
"	Thomas G. Lowe,	Principal Sojourner,
"	W. L. Long,	R. A. Captain,
"	W. H. Underhill,	Master 3 Veil.
"	William E. Lane,	" 2 "
"	W. W. Brickell,	" 1 "
"	F. S. Marshall,	Treasurer,
"	C. N. Webb,	Secretary,
"	H A. Sledge,	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

C. N. Webb,	Hezekiah Lassiter,
John T. Pope,	T. S. Brownlow,
William L. Long,	Cary Whitaker,
Wm. W. Daniel,	A. W. Simmons,
Wm. H. Underhill,	M. C. Whitaker,
A. V. Russell,	George W. Gary,
T. J. Anderson,	W. E. Lane,
F. S. Marshall,	A. G. Jones,
James R. Wilkes,	H. J. Macon,
W. W. Brickell,	J. J. Judkins,
Herbert A. Sledge,	Rev. Wm. Burge,
John W. Heptinstall,	J. H. Moore,
James B. Yellowby,	James S. Snow,
Sterling H. Gee,	James H. Parker,
Benjamin Burnett,	L. H. Whitaker,
Thaddeus Davis,	Rev. T. G. Lowe.

Advanced 1; P. M., Exalted 5; Deaths 1

Concord, No. 5,—Tarboro'.

OFFICERS.

M. E.,	William Geo. Thomas,	High Priest,
"	Lewis Bond,	King,
"	Henry T. Clark,	Scribe,
Comp.	William Norfleet,	Treasurer,
"	Louis C. Pender,	Secretary,
"	James Mehegan,	Captain of the Host,
"	William S. Long,	Principal Sojourner,
"	Josiah S. Pender,	R. A. Captain,
"	William H. Hines,	G. M. 3 V.
"	Robt. H. Pender,	" 2 "
"	L. D. Farmer,	" 1 "
"	Redden Daughtery,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Benj. M. Jackson,
D. S. Crenshaw,
Benjamin Batts,
P. S. Sugg,
Henry Bryan,
Arthur S. Mooring,
Jesse H. Drake,
Westly Swift,
John F. Hughes,
John R. Mercer,
B. C. Watson,
Redden Daughtery,
William Andrews,
W. H. Smith,
John H. Drake,
Solomon Pender,
John Moorning,
Andrew E. Gill,
William Crocket,
William J. Armstrong,
T. C. Hearn,
James Nelson,
William F. Mercer,
Arthur Freeman,
John G. Williams,

Admitted 9; Exalted 10; Withdrawn 4; Deaths 1; Expulsions 0; Suspensions 0; Rejections 0;

Temple, No. 6,—Windsor,—Late Under Dispensation.

Eureka, No. 7,—Newbern.

OFFICERS.

M. E.,	A. T. Jerkins,	High Priest,
"	Matthew A. Outten,	King,
"	Rev. J. M. C. Breaker,	Scribe,
Comp.	Andrew H. Richardson,	Captain of the Host,
"	Peter Custis,	Principal Sojourner,
"	Edward F. Smallwood,	Royal Arch Captain,
"	Luther R. Clark,	G. M. 3 Veil,
"	Thomas R. Wilson,	" 2 "
"	Oliver S. Dewey,	" 1 "
"	John D. Whitford.	Treasurer,
"	E. R. Stanly,	Secretary,
"	Levi Stone,	Tyler,
"	Rev. Jacob Utley,	Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

Rev. William B. Wellons,
Wm. C. Hunter,
Edward F. Smallwood,
John Harvey, Sr.,
John A. Brookfield,
Thomas Sparrow, Sr.,
James Hayward,
George Green,
Edward R. Coward,
William C. Pittman,
Ashley A. Allen,
F. B. Harrison,
Allen Blount.

Admitted 5; Exalted 5; Withdrawn 2; Deaths 1; Expulsions 0; Suspensions 0; Rejections 0.

Oxford, No. 8,—Oxford,—Late Under Dispensation.

Warrenton, No. 9,—Warrenton,—Late Under Dispensation.

Roleigh, No. 10,—Raleigh.

OFFICERS.

M. E.,	John W. Cosby,	High Priest,
"	Charles H. Johnson,	King,
"	Dabny Cosby,	Scribe,
Comp.	John R. Harrison,	Captain of the Host,
"	Wm. J. Clark,	Principal Sojourner,
"	James T. Marriott,	Royal Arch Captain,
"	Wm. Dallas Haywood,	Secretary,
"	J. J. Biggs,	Treasurer,
"	Albert Johnson,	G. M. 3 Veil,
"	William H. High,	" 2 "
"	John Kane,	" 1 "
"	James Terrell,	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

William G. Hill,
Robert W. Seawell,
William D. Cooke,
Joseph Woltering,
Willie W. Johnson,
James G. Jeffreys,
Alston A. Jones,
William F. Collins,
Willie D. Jones,
Joseph T. Hunter,
Daniel B. Griffin,
William Thomas Bain,
C. W. D. Hutchings,
James D. Newsom.
Joseph D. Powell,
Jefferson M. Lovejoy,
John O. Jeffreys,
Thomas Young,
Thomas Jefferson Utley,
Rufus T. Heflin,
Eldridge Smith,
Henry W. Miller,
James Harris,
S. Dorsey Beavers,
Calvin J. Rogers,
Edward Yarbrough, Sen.

Exaltations 9; Rejections 0; Withdrawals 0; Deaths 2; Expulsions 0; Suspensions 0.

Lafayette, No. 11,—Hillsboro',—Late Under Dispensation.

Conoho, No. 12,—Hamilton,—Late Under Dispensation.

Chorazin, No. 13,—Greensboro',—No Returns.

Cherokee, No. 14,—Hertford,—Late Under Dispensation.

Union, No. 17,—Duplin.

OFFICERS.

M. E.,	Eli W. Hines,	High Priest.
"	Daniel Bowden,	King,
"	Joel Loftin,	Scribe,
Comp.,	Thomas Wright,	Captain of the Host,
"	Samuel Loftin,	Principal Sojourner,
"	L. R. Loftin,	Royal Arch Captain,
"	Buck Bowden,	Master 3 Veil,
"	B. C. Bowden,	" 2 "
"	Jas. Winders,	" 1 "
"	Oates S. Lewis,	Treasurer,
"	C. D. Hill,	Secretary,
"	Wm. H. G. Sikes,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John Wright,	James F. McDuffy,
David Jones,	John E. Becton,
D. B. Newton,	A. R. Hicks,
G. W. Wallace,	Henry Swinson,
Wm. Hollowell,	F. B. Millard,
Wm. F. Pollock,	James W. Blount,
Jesse J. Baker,	Thomas J. Judson,
David Wright,	Exum L. Powell,
Joseph R. Hatch,	Hanson F. Murphy,
Lewis F. Carr,	Joseph J. Ward,
Edward W. Fonville,	A. Guy,
Wm. Caraway,	John Caraway,

Exalted 13; Rejections 0; Withdrawals 2; Deaths 0; Expulsions 0; Suspensions 0.

Gaston, No 18,—Roxboro',—No Returns.

Key Stone, No. 19,—Plymouth,—No Returns.

Salisbury, No. 20,—Salisbury.

OFFICERS.

M. E.,	E. Myers,	High Priest,
"	Hand James,	King,
"	Archibald Caldwell,	Scribe,
Comp.	Daniel Coleman,	Treasurer,
"	J. A. Worth,	Secretary,
"	Dolphin A. Davis,	Captain of the Host,

Comp.,	Luke Blackmer,	Principal Sojourner,
"	Henry C. Simonton,	Royal Arch Captain,
"	David W. Honeycutt,	Master 3 Veil,
"	J. M. Coffin,	" 2 "
"	John J. Shaver,	" 1 "
"	T. Page Ricaud,	Chaplain,
"	Obadiah Woodson,	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

Thales McDonald,
Myer Myers,
Robert Burns,
A. D. Montgomery,
Turner Pinkston,
A. M. Booe,
Braxton Baily,
Jehu Hank,
Preston W. Wooley,
Thomas Trotter,
Samuel Taylor,
Piercel Thompson,
David D. Salmon,
A. P. Alsabrook,
George Riley,
James A. Johnson,
William Hunter,
Alexander Springs,
James G. Ramsey,
Archibald Honeycutt,
T. J. Bryan,
George M. Makepeace,
G. W. Johnson,
John Kelly,
Robert S. Young,
Samuel Rose,
Charles L. Partee,
Joseph F. Chambers,
James Pascoe,
B. Clegg,
Clarkson Coffin,
George W. Farrable,
F. M. Ross,

Admitted 1; Exalted 17; Withdrawn 0; Deaths 0; Expelled 0; Rejected 1.

FORM OF RETURNS FOR A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER.

Return of Chapter, No. , working under jurisdiction of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.

Regular Meetings held on

OFFICERS.

MEMBERS.	MEMBERS.

Exaltations.	Rejections.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Suspensions	Total No. of Members.

Form of Proxy for the High Priest, King or Scribe of a Subordinate Chapter.

I, A. B., (High Priest, King or Scribe,) of Chapter, No. constitute Companion C. D., my proxy to represent me at the next Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina, to be held in Wilmington, on the day of in the year of A.·. I. 238 A.·. D. 185

Witness my hand and seal this day of A.·. D. 185

[SEAL.]

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

REVISED AND ADOPTED, JUNE, 1851.

ARTICLE 1. This Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of the following officers, viz: Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal, Grand Tyler, together with the Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes, and of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes for the time being of the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter. All of whom shall be entitled to a vote, except the Grand Tyler. *Provided*, that when any Past Grand officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Chapter, his membership in this Grand Chapter shall cease.

ARTICLE 3. The regular Communications of this Grand Chapter shall be held in Wilmington, N. C., on the first Monday in June, in each year. And in case of the absence of the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King or Grand Scribe, or either of them shall preside, taking precedence according to rank; in the absence of all the above named officers, then the oldest Past Grand officer of those grades present, and if there be none of the Past Grand officers of the rank above named present, then the High Priest of the oldest Subordinate Chapter present, shall have power to preside, and the Representatives of three Subordinate Chapters shall constitute a quorum. And if on the day of meeting there be not a quorum present, the Presiding officer may adjourn the Grand Chapter from day to day, until the close of the fourth day, when if no quorum be present, the meeting shall be adjourned until the next Annual meeting, unless sooner or especially convened.

ARTICLE 3. The officers of this Grand Chapter shall be chosen at each regular Annual Communication, for the term of one year. But should the Annual Communication not be held at the stated time, they shall hold their offices until others are chosen. And the Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priests respectively, for the time being, shall have power to call special meetings whenever they shall

deem it expedient, of which all the Subordinate Chapters shall be duly notified.

Article 4. All questions before this Grand Chapter shall be determined by a majority of votes cast.

Article 5. The constitutional officers of this Grand Chapter shall be elected by ballot, except the Grand Lecturer and Grand Tyler, who shall respectively, be appointed by the Grand High Priest, all of whom if present, shall be duly Installed into their respective offices before the closing of the Grand Communication. And if any officer be absent at the time of his election or appointment, he shall be immediately notified by the acting Grand Secretary, with a request that he signify his acceptance or refusal of the office, within Thirty days. And should any officer so notified, decline serving, or neglect to give notice within the specified time, then such office shall be deemed vacant, and filled by the appointment of the Grand High Priest, or in case of his death, absence or inability, by the Deputy Grand High Priest, and all other vacancies of offices by death or otherwise, may be filled as above.

Article 6. None but a regular Royal Arch Mason, holding membership in a Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be admitted to a seat in this Grand Chapter as proxy, nor shall he represent more than three members at the same Communication. And all persons acting in that capacity must be furnished with credentials by the members so represented.

Article 7. The Grand Lecturer shall be furnished with a commission by the Grand High Priest, under the seal of the Grand Chapter, attested by the Grand Secretary, which commission shall remain in force until the next Annual Communication succeeding his appointment, unless revoked by the Grand High Priest. And it shall be his duty, at the request of any Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction, to visit such Chapter, and instruct them in the work lectures, and all things appertaining to the government of a Chapter and the interest of Royal Arch Masonry. And the Chapter so employing him, shall make him such compensation as shall be agreed upon by the parties. He shall keep a record of his proceedings, and report the same to the Grand High Priest when required, and to the Grand Chapter at its Annual Communication; and shall make no alterations in the work or lectures adopted by this Grand Chapter.

Article 8. A Committee of Three shall be appointed at each Annual Communication immediately after the Installation of the Grand officers, to be styled the Committee of Finance, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit all bills presented against the Grand Chapter, together with the Books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and report at the Annual Communication immediately succeeding their appointment, and previous to the election of officers. They shall also have power to invest from time to time any funds belonging to this Grand Chapter.

Article 9. This Grand Chapter, at every Communication, shall be opened in solemn form previous to the transaction of any business.

Article 10. The Members of, and Representatives to this Grand Chapter, must appear properly clothed with the badges of a Royal Arch Mason.

Article 11. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall have their Books ready for examination at the commencement of each Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter; and for their services shall receive such compensation as this Grand Chapter may approve.

Article 12. Every petition to this Grand Chapter for a Warrant to open a new Royal Arch Chapter, must be signed by at least Nine Regular Royal Arch Masons within this jurisdiction, and accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter within the State nearest the contemplated location of the new Chapter, vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending that a warrant be granted them. And the Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priest upon the receipt of such petition, if approved, shall grant his Dispensation for the same, to remain in force until the first Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter, thereafter, when said Chapter shall petition for a Charter, unless for satisfactory reasons the warrant shall be continued until the succeeding Annual Communication, at which time application shall be made for a Charter, otherwise said warrant shall be revoked.

Article 13. The Fees for a Warrant for opening and holding a Royal Arch Chapter shall be Ninety Dollars, of which the Grand Secretary shall receive Ten Dollars for his services in furnishing the same, and no warrant shall be granted until the Fees are paid. And when any Charter shall be granted to the Chapter having received such Warrant, the Fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same. But if a Charter be not granted, and said Warrant be withdrawn, then the Fee shall be returned to the petitioners, excepting only such part thereof as may have been expended by means of their application.

Article 14. The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall pay for the support thereof, into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, annually, the sum of Fifteen Dollars. *Provided*, that Chapters working under a Warrant shall pay nothing for the time they shall have held such warrant. But in case of extension of the time of application for a Charter, in which case they shall pay the regular Fees of a Chapter under Charter, for the time so extended, and no Chapter in arrears shall have a vote in this Grand Chapter.

Article 15. No Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall change its location, except with the concurrence of this Grand Chapter, upon the application of a majority of the members of such Subordinate Chapter, recommended by the Chapter nearest the place to which it is proposed to be removed.

Article 16. Every Royal Arch Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall be represented at each Grand Convocation by their High Priest, King and Scribe, in person or by their respective proxies. And whenever the first three officers of a Subordinate Chapter, or any one of them cannot attend the Annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, or shall fail to appoint his or their proxy or proxies to represent them or their Chapter, it shall be competent for such Chapter to elect or appoint a delegate or proxy. And at the Annual Convocations they shall make return of the names of their officers and members, together with all exaltations, deaths, suspensions, expulsions and withdrawals. And if any Chapter under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble once in any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Chapter for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make returns as above, and pay its dues to this Grand Chapter, then, and in either case of delinquency, the said Chapter shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Chapter, its Charter, with its records, jewels, regalia, and furniture, together with its monetary, and all other property of every description.

Article 17. The application of every candidate for the Degrees in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant, and recommended by a member of said Chapter. And said application shall lay over at least one meeting of said Chapter for the consideration of its members, unless in cases of emergency, so deemed by a majority of the members present. And the vote in all cases of application for the degrees or for membership, must be unanimous to admit.

Article 18. No Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall exalt any candidate to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, for a less sum than Twenty Dollars, and no candidate shall be balloted for until said fee is paid, and no note of hand shall be taken by any Chapter for such fee or any part thereof.

Article 19. No Companion having been a member of any other Chapter, shall be admitted to membership in any Chapter under this jurisdiction until he shall have paid all arrearages to the Chapter of which he was last a member.

Article 20. No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall exalt any candidate who is a resident of another State, where a Subordinate Chapter is established, without a special recommendation from the Chapter in such State nearest his place of residence, or from one of the three principal officers of the Grand Chapter of the State where he resides, and no candidate living within this jurisdiction shall receive any degree in any other than the Chapter which is nearest his place of residence, without a recommendation from said nearest Chapter.

Article 21. No Chapter or assembly of Royal Arch Masons which may hereafter be formed within this jurisdiction, shall be deemed legal without the sanction of a Warrant from this Grand Chapter; and all Masonic communication, either public or private,

between any Chapter, under this jurisdiction, or any of its members, and any Chapter so illegally formed, or any person therein exalted, is hereby strictly forbidden, and a breach of any part of this article shall be punished by expulsion, or exclusion from all the benefits of this Grand Chapter.

Article 22. The High Priest, King and Scribe of any Chapter under this jurisdiction, when not able to attend the Grand Communications, shall appoint their proxy or proxies, by a commission signed with their names, with their seals affixed, which commission shall continue in force only during the year for which the said High Priest, King or Scribe was elected.

Article 23. This Grand Chapter shall have original jurisdiction over all matters of controversy which may arise between any of the Subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, or between members of different Subordinate Chapters, and appellate jurisdiction in all matters of controversy, proper for Masonic investigation, arising in any Subordinate Chapter.

Article 24. When any member of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be accused of any offence, which if proved against him, would subject him to suspension or expulsion, the proceedings in the premises shall be conducted agreeable to the following rules:

1st, The accusation shall be made in writing over the signature of a Royal Arch Mason, and given in charge to the Secretary of the Chapter, who under the direction of the High Priest, shall serve or cause the accused to be served with an attested copy of the charges, ten days at least before the time appointed for the examination. *Provided*, the residence of the companion so charged shall be known, and shall be within the distance of twenty miles of the place where the Chapter is located. If the residence of the accused be at a greater distance than twenty miles, but within the State, then and in that case, a summons to appear and show cause, forwarded to him by mail or other conveyance, thirty days before the trial, shall be considered sufficient service. If the residence of the delinquent be unknown, the Chapter may proceed to examine the charges ex parte.

2d, The examination of the charges shall be had in a Chapter, specially notified and convened for the purpose; at which no visitors shall be admitted except as council or witnesses.

3d, The accused may select his own counsel, and the witnesses shall testify on their honor; hearsay evidence shall be excluded.

4th, The question, is the accused guilty or not guilty? shall be distinctly put to each member, commencing with the youngest member. The answer shall be given standing, and in a distinct and audible manner. The Secretary shall record the same.

5th, If the verdict be suspension or expulsion, the proceedings shall be sent up at the ensuing meeting of the Grand Chapter for examination.

6th, A sentence of expulsion shall not take effect until confirmed by the Grand Chapter, but shall operate as a suspension of the delinquent.

7th, A companion feeling himself agrieved by the decision of a Subordinate Chapter, shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Chapter, he having given due and timely notice to the Subordinate Chapter, of his intention so to appeal from its decision.

8th, Whenever this Grand Chapter shall reverse or abrogate the decision of a Subordinate Chapter, suspending or expelling a companion, and shall restore him to the benefits and privileges of Masonry, he shall not thereby be restored to membership within the body from which he was suspended or expelled, without its unanimous consent.

9th, In all respects other than those here specified, the proceedings shall be conducted agreeably to the regulations of Ancient Craft Masonry.

Article 25. No alteration or amendment to this Constitution shall be made at any other than the regular Annual Communication.

Article 26. All former Constitutions and By-Laws of this Grand Chapter are hereby repealed.

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OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

IN

WILMINGTON, N. C.,

ON

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Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina.

To

H. P. of *Chapter, No.*

You are hereby ordered to cause the Proceedings of the Sixth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to be read in your Chapter, within two months after receipt.

ROBT. G. RANKIN, G. H. P.

Attest, H. P. Russell, Gr'd Sec'y.

PROCEEDINGS OF

THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA, BEGUN AND HELD IN THE HALL OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 1, IN WILMINGTON, N. C., ON MONDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE, A.·. L., 5852, A.·. I., 2382, A.·. D., 1852.

PRESENT:

M. E.,	Robt. G. Rankin,	G. H. P.
" "	Alfred Martin,	P. G. H. P.
" "	P. W. Fanning,	G. K., p. t.
" "	Jno. R. Harrison,	G. S., p. t.
"	J. H. Moore,	G. Marshal,
"	W. Geo. Thomas,	G. P. S. p. t.
"	Ezekiel Myers,	G. R. A. C, p. t.
"	A. G. Jones,	G. M. 3d V. p. t.
"	L. R. Loftin,	G. M. 2d V. p. t.
"	A. A. Brown,	G. M. 1st V. p. t.
"	Thos. W. Brown,	G. Treas'r.
"	Henry P. Russell,	G. Sec'y.
"	Wm. Burge,	G. Chaplain.
"	Hiram W. Foy,	G. Tyler.

Comp's T Page Ricaud, Wm. Bagley, J. S. Pender, D. D. Phillips, and David Teller.

The Grand Chapter opened in solemn form.

Prayer by Rev. Comp. Wm. Burge, Grand Chaplain.

The M. E. G. H. P., appointed the following Committees:

On Credentials.—Companions A. A. Brown, and J. H. Moore.

On Unfinished Business.—Comp's T. Page Ricaud, W. Bagley.

On motion of Comp. Martin,

Resolved, That all Royal Arch Masons in good standing be admitted as visitors.

The Committee on Credentials, through Comp. A. A. Brown, made the following report:

The Committee on Credentials report the following Chapters duly represented.

Concord,	No. 1,	by	T. Burr, Jr., Proxy for H. P., A. A. Brown, Scribe.
Concord,	" 5,	"	J. S. Pender, Delegate.
Temple,	" 6,	"	T. W. Brown, Proxy.
Eureka,	" 7,	"	Thos. P. Ricaud, Delegate.
Warrenton,	" 9,	"	Rev. Wm. Burge, H. P., A. G. Jones, King, J. H. Moore, Proxy for Scribe.
Raleigh,	" 10,	"	John R. Harrison and Wm. J. Clarke, Delegates.
Lafayette,	" 11,	"	D. D. Philips, Proxy.
Chorazin,	" 13,	"	E. Myers, "
Union,	" 17,	"	L. R. Loftin, H. P.
Keystone,	" 19,	"	Wm. Bagley, Proxy.
Salisbury,	" 20,	"	E. Myers, "

A. A. BROWN, }
JAS. H. MOORE. } Com.

On motion of Comp. Martin,

Resolved, That the reading of the Minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with. Each member being furnished with a copy.

The Grand Chapter called off from labor to refreshment till 3 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, June 7th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

Officers and members as this morning.

Comp. C. D. Hill, Union Chapter, No. 17.

Visitors: Comp's J. J. McDugald, A. McRae, Jr.

The Committee on Credentials, through Comp. A. A. Brown, made a further report:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report further, the name of Companion C. D. Hill, Delegate as Proxy, for the King of Union Chapter, No. 17.

A. A. BROWN, }
JAS. H. MOORE, } Com.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Committees:

On Charters and Dispensations.—Comp's A. Martin, C. D. Hill, and J. R. Harrison.

On Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters.—Comp's T. Page Ricaud, A. G. Jones, and E. Myers.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Comp's T. Burr, Jr., J. H. Moore, Josiah S. Pender, Wm. J. Clarke, and L. R. Loftin.

The M. E. G. H. P. submitted his Annual Report.

In accordance with the provisions of our Constitution, we have assembled, Companions, in Grand Convocation, as representatives of the various interests of our respective Chapters; to pass regulations for the good of the whole, harmonize wherever there may be conflict of opinion, and by our actions, endeavor to diffuse the true principles of our Order throughout our jurisdiction. But, as we are taught on entering the portals of our mystic Temple, a belief in a Supreme Deity; that no one should engage in any great and

important undertaking without invoking His aid, let us with one voice, offer our supplications to the Supreme Grand High Priest, that by the inspiration of his wisdom we may the better be enabled to strengthen and support, beautify and adorn the Temple of Masonry.

Acting, as we are, in a legislative capacity, I deem it my duty to caution against undue haste; to recommend due deliberation and a careful survey, in all its bearings, of every question submitted for your consideration, so that whatever position the Grand Chapter of North Carolina may assume, she may be sustained by reason and argument. In the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters, much will be found to commend, something, perhaps, to condemn; these things will doubtless be forcibly presented by the appropriate committee. To these points I ask your careful attention, desiring that North Carolina may possess her proper influence in the constellation of Grand Chapters, always as ready to condemn error as to sustain truth. But I doubt not the Representatives here assembled, will yield to none, supremacy in their devotion to the true principles of Masonry, and their ardent desire to sustain the position and dignity of our Grand Chapter in promulgating that which

> "From its base,
> Even from the turret's trim to tallest spire,
> Is of choicest Masonry."

The long mooted question of the jurisdiction and position of the Royal and Select Degrees still agitates our sister Grand Chapters. This Grand Chapter, anxious for the proper settlement, has labored to throw light upon the perplexing question, has proposed a mode of settlement; and has appealed to the Parent Head of Royal Arch Masonry to claim or disclaim them, but the General Grand Chapter has failed or feared to assume the power. And now we have the strange anomaly of Masons in different States, acknowledging the same power, looking to the same source for light, travelling different roads to the "summit and perfection of ancient Masonry."

The rapid increase of Masonry—Ancient Craft and Royal Arch—throughout our land within a few years past, has and ought to be a source of gratulation to every Mason. But in our prosperity, it would oftentimes be well to recollect, that the strength of Masonry is not in its numbers, but in the virtue and wisdom of its members. To pause and ask, whether many in the multitude who have knocked at our doors and been admitted within the vails have not been fully content, and deemed themselves experts in the mysteries of the craft, forgetting that Masonry is a science, requiring deep and severe study to be understood and appreciated, and that by their admission, they have but laid the foundation, upon which to build their future moral and Masonic edifice.

The age is a progressive one. The spirit of enterprize is awakened, and we fear the feelings of the man may rise superior to the duties of the Mason. But Masonry cannot progress, its laws, its principles, its traditions are unchangeable, immutable, and even in these times of improvement, the wisdom of its great founders cannot be equalled. It is our duty to guard it from innovation, to guard it faithfully from all influences, of whatever nature, calculated to detract from its usefulness or lower it from the high respect its dignity demands from the world.

Already do we see an exile received in our Lodges and told that we as Masons, burned with enthusiam, sympathized with him in his efforts to secure the freedom of his country, and solemnly avouching that that country "ought of right to be free." Already are we told that we, as American Masons, "feel that we are citizens of a glorious republic, whose "arms are destined to open a wider field, to exert a mighty influence in modifying other "governments," so "that national liberty will sooner or later be enjoyed by every civilized

"people." Companions, with these things Masonry has nothing to do. Hers is the more peaceful duty of ameliorating the condition of mankind, not by force of arms, but by charity. Not that we would detract from the right of the individual Mason to think, feel and act as his pleasure may dictate on such subjects, but we deprecate their introduction into Lodges or their incorporation into Masonic Addresses.

An evil now claiming the attention of Masons in other States, may with equal propriety be applied to our own. I allude to a certain degree of levity prevailing to a greater or less extent during our ceremonies. Is there an intelligent Mason who can point to our ceremonies in Masonry without there finding food for solemn reflection? Is there in our ritual one sentence, but is well calculated to excite the most solemn sentiments in one of sufficient intelligence to understand its symbolic meaning? There is in every ceremony and in every word of Masonry, something intended to convey some great and solemn truth. I invite your attention to the remarks of the Deputy Grand High Priest of Georgia on this subject. He says, "The levity too frequently displayed on occasions of the performance of the Masonic work of the Craft, should be effectually discountenanced and thoroughly reformed. He who sees in every expressive phrase of our sublime ritual, the peculiar symbolic teachings of the Order, has his mind occupied with other and far different sensations; while to the initiate who fails to perceive, through the acted allegory, the great moral lessons which lie beyond, his very thoughtlessness should display his unfitness for the position he occupies." Companions, treasure these words. Take them home with you, and let your example teach their importance, thereby influencing the conduct of those you represent.

There is another subject, Companions, to which I must advert. One to which too much indifference is generally manifested. I allude to a regular attendance upon Chapter meetings. How often the case, that business of the utmost importance is compelled to lie over from time to time, on account of inattention to this imperative duty? And not unfrequently a worthy Brother, after knocking at our door, is kept without for months; because forsooth, the members are indifferent to his claims, as well as the Chapter, whose interest they should protect and foster. It is not expected that a Mason will compromit the prior claim of his family or be inattentive to the demands of business, but that a proper regard will always be shown by him to every summons to attend his Chapter when he can conveniently do so. There is no surer index of an unsound condition of a Chapter, than an indifference to this important duty, and certainly no surer means of extinguishing the vestal flame, which should ever be kept alive, as well in the hearts of its members, as upon its sacred altar. Punctuality in the duties of the compting house, is to the merchant a chief source of success. The Husbandmen must plant and cultivate his grain in spring and summer, with due regularity if he hopes to reap an abundant harvest in autumn. And but ill success would attend the practice of the healing art, if indifference and irregularity marked the intercourse of the physician with a patient. And so in all the departments of business, regularity in attention to all its demands, is the only sure guarantee of ultimate success. With equal propriety may it be said, that without a proper attention to this essential duty by us as Masons, Masonry must languish and fail to maintain that high position, and social and moral influence to which it aspires and to which it is so peculiarly adapted. The important business that may come at each meeting demands and should receive the interested attention of the members of every Chapter. How can the imposing ceremonies, and the language of Masonry so peculiarly beautiful, have their proper effect, while the officers and members are irregular in their attendance, so indifferent, and what is worse, so often ignorant of their respective duties. The lukewarmness now so prevalent in this regard, resulting principally from this very

cause, will, without a remedy, prove a mildew blight, that will tarnish the fair escutcheon of our Order, which has so long been preserved and handed down to us. And to it will the finger of scorn be pointed, and with more propriety than we can now foresee, will the question be asked in regard to it, "who will show us any good?" It is my opinion, and from the high position in which your unmerited confidence has placed me, I give it utterance. It is better for Masonry that a Chapter should cease to exist, than be maintained in a sickly existence, by the cold indifference which I fear exists in some of our Subordinates. I know not that these words come with equal force and justice to all the Chapters in this jurisdiction. I hope they do not. But such as are amenable to them, I conjure by the claims Masonry has upon them, and by their love for the Order, that they give more diligent heed to this important duty.

Whatever analogy there may be in Masonry to revealed religion, necessarily exists from the nature of its doctrines and the purity of its precepts. Masonry claims but an humble station as a co-worker in inculcating the true principles of morality, acting as a powerful agent of virtue. It is but a great social, moral compact, composed of men fraternizing and working together in disseminating brotherly love, relief and truth, and while acknowledging the "Great Author" of all good, and having as their great light His Holy Word, can, and does boast of perfect freedom from sectarian influences. Around its mystic altar, are found men of all nations, kindred and tongue, united with one voice and heart in offering their devotion to the Great I Am—ever remembering a Brother's welfare in their adorations. Masonry being thus universal, teaches us the universality of Charity—its ennobling virtue. To this the attention of Masons are particularly directed—the cup of cold water cheerfully given, the timely intimation of approaching danger, the gentle correction of error, words kindly spoken—are in instances more powerful, making a more deep and lasting impression, proving far more effectual than the most lavish bestowal of gold and silver. But to advise the erring and relieve the distressed are not the only attributes of Charity. It extends to all the walks of life, to matters beyond the grave, and the highest as well as the lowest are sometimes supplicants at her doors. I have said that Masonry was free from religious or sectarian taints, and it is because this ennobling virtue of our Order teaches us to give due weight to the opinion of our Brother, to expostulate with him if in error, at the same time acknowledging his right and giving due credit for a conscientious discharge of duty. Hence, Masonry has for ages presented a platform upon which all could assemble, and in her ranks are ever to be found, bound by the silken cords of Charity, the christian of whatever denomination, believing that there is a sojourner travelling with him through time to eternity. The Israelite who perceives in the "signs, types and symbols" of our ceremonies, something to remind him of prophecies, to him yet unfulfilled—the devotees of Mahomet, believing that there is but one God and Mahomet is his prophet. The greatest beauty of Masonry is this universality. It has been handed down to us from generation to generation pure, beautiful, grand; pure in its teachings and principles, beautiful in its traditions and ceremonies, grand in its antiquity and universality. Let us endeavor so to transmit it. Let us endeavor to guard it from being placed too high in the scale of religion on the one hand, too low in the scale of morality on the other, then will Peace always dwell within our walls, and "the land marks which our fathers have set" continue to guide us in the paths of prosperity and happiness. But if we neglect all those lessons which are taught in our school of discipline—if we forget that by intoleration or bigotry, we might offend a Brother, thereby destroying this universality, we jeopardize the very existence of an Institution that has stood the test of ages, survived

the devastation of war, and triumphantly withstood the attacks of the ignorant and designing.

Another great beauty of *M*asonry is its uniformity. To this subject our Grand Chapter has given due attention, and spared no efforts to secure it within our jurisdiction. But the multiplicity of Charts now extant, tend to defeat it. The General Grand Chapter having, at its last session, revised the mode of work, and my experience the past year in conferring degrees, leads me to suggest Moore's new Masonic Trestle Board as more particularly applicable to that mode, and, though not formally authorized by the G. G. Chapter, yet has the sanction of its principal officers. I respectfully recommend, that our Subordinates be requested to use this work in the ceremonies appertaining to Royal Arch Masonry.

A resolution introduced into, and passed by one of our Subordinate Chapters, requiring the High Priest to use a certain Chart or text book has been reported to me, so near the time of your annual convocation, and in the absence of previous legislation, I have failed to take any action in the premises. Acknowledging the High Priest, within his Chapter, as supreme, that it is his duty to read and expound the law, that if he errs he is only amenable to the Grand Body, I cannot but conclude any instructions from a Subordinate to its presiding officer, requiring him to use any particular work, or to pursue any particular mode as out of place. He is solemnly bound to fulfill faithfully the duties of his office, and should he depart from the well settled principles of *M*asonry, it is not only the province, but the solemn duty of the Companions to make due report to the Grand Chapter.

I cannot congratulate you, Companions, upon any large increase of Subordinate Chapters during the past *M*asonic year. Cyrus Chapter, formerly No. 9, has, upon proper application, been revived as No. 21. A dispensation has been granted by the Deputy Grand High Priest, whose report is in the hands of the Grand Secretary, the fees in both cases are in the Grand Treasury. If we have not materially added to the number of our Chapters, we can, from information received by me at various times, congratulate ourselves upon the addition of good and true Companions, exalted by the Chapters now in existence. These will in time bring forth good fruit, and Royal Arch Masonry, now with us comparatively in its infancy, will assume the position of manhood.

Our M. E. Comp. Dr. W. G. Hill, having declined the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, to which he was elected at the last convocation, it became my duty to fill the vacancy thus created, which was done by the appointment of Comp. Pride Jones, of Hillsborough.

The matters relating to Hiram Chapter, No. 10, Raleigh, and Phœnix, No. 2, Fayetteville, having been referred to the Grand High Priest, I addressed a communication to the presiding officer of each Chapter, directing Hiram Chapter to tender the fees received from the Companions exalted from within the jurisdiction of Phœnix, and urging greater caution in future applications. Not having received a reply from the High Priest of Phœnix, No. 2, I am to presume that no dissatisfaction now exists, if any ever existed.

Two or three questions, affecting the government of Subordinate Chapters have been submitted to me during the recess, and I deem it to be my duty to lay them before you, that my decisions, if correct, may be confirmed, or if in error, amended.

1st. In the event of the vacating of the High Priest by death, resignation or otherwise, how is the vacancy to be filled?

The charge to the King and Scribe upon their installation, is sufficiently explicit. It is their duty, according to priority of office, to discharge the duties of H. P. in his absence,

whether temporary or permanent. But in the event of the death or resignation of the King, he is not succeeded by the Scribe by virtue of his office; and it is the duty of the presiding officer to appoint a King, pro tem. at every meeting. No vacancy can be filled permanently, except at a regular election, held at the time prescribed by the By-Laws. Failing in this, the old officers, necessarily hold over until the next annual election, unless satisfactory reasons require a dispensation granted for a special election.

Next. Whether the amendment to a By-Law is in operation until approved by this Grand Body?

'Tis true, this Grand Chapter requires Chapters under dispensation to submit their By-Laws for approval, but I do not conceive it is intended that every amendment should thereafter be submitted. It is not the duty, nor is it the wish of this Grand Chapter to assume any of the prerogatives of her Subordinates, or to interfere with any By-Law or resolution that may be deemed by the Companions as better suited to their Chapter or locality. But there are laws, rules and general regulations, which are the peculiar care of Grand Chapters, and a strict adherence to them is implicitly demanded. It is, however, advisable, that a copy of the By-Laws should be placed in the archives of the Grand Chapter, thus enabling its officers during recess, to give a correct decision upon any point submitted.

The Grand Chapter failed at its last session to make any appropriation for the attention of our Grand Lecturer, and there being no provision in the Constitution authorizing the Grand High Priest to issue a warrant upon the Treasurer for this purpose, I have to recommend an appropriation for the necessary expenses of his attendance. His report for the past year is with the Grand Secretary.

Concord Chapter, No. 5, Tarboro', having prayed a dispensation to hold a special election of officers, and it being made to appear that the interest of Royal Arch Masonry and of this Chapter, would thereby be promoted, the dispensation has been granted.

By resolution of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and I believe of every Grand Lodge throughout the Union. the 4th November, next, is set apart to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the initiation of our beloved WASHINGTON. So deep are the virtues of that great and good man and Mason engraven upon the hearts of Masons throughout the world; so intimate the connexion existing between our most sublime degree and Ancient Craft Masonry, that I can have no hesitation in recommending that this Grand Body should take due notice thereof, and request her Subordinates to unite with their brethren in the due celebration of the day.

I have now, Companions, returned an account of my stewardship during the year just closed, conscious of my inability and inexperience in the discharge of the great and responsible duty you have too indulgently conferred upon me. However strong has been my inclination to serve you, the ordinary avocations and cares of life have pressed, and continue to press with more than usual severity, and I feel conscious of many omissions, and it is my ardent desire that you may select one, not more willing, but more able to discharge the duties of this high office.

ROBT. G. RANKIN, G. H. P.

Whereupon, Comp. T. Page Ricaud offered the following resolution, which was received and adopted.

Resolved, That the able address of the M. E. G. H. Priest, be received and published with the regular proceedings of this convocation, and also, that it be referred to a special committee for the disposal of its several subjects.

Committee, Comp's Ricaud, T. Burr, Jr., Fanning, Bagley, and Clarke.

The report of the D. G. H. P. was received and referred to the Committee on G. H. P. report.

To the M. E. Robert G. Rankin, G. H. P. of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of North Carolina :

Circumstances rendering it impossible that I should have the pleasure of being present at the next ensuing convocation of the Grand Chapter, it becomes my duty to inform you of my doings for the last twelve months.

Under your instructions, an impropriety in the working of one of the adjacent Chapters has been brought to the notice of the High Priest, and I have reason for believing that it will not occur again.

I have granted a dispensation to J. A. Caldwell and others, of Lincolnton and vicinity, to open a Chapter of R. A. Masons in that place to be called "Lincoln," No. —. The fee has been remitted to you, and accompanying this you will find the petition.

I have declined granting a dispensation to some Companions of Alamance, on account of their petition not being properly recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

PRIDE JONES, D. G. H. P.

The Report of the Grand Lecturer was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

M. E. Robert G. Rankin, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina :

M. E. Sir and Companions :

Another year has passed away and the Grand Chapter is again about to assemble at the beautiful little city of Wilmington. How much I should like to meet my Companions on Monday next in G. C., but that pleasure is denied me; it is not in my power to attend. I have not been enabled to do much for the good cause during the past year, having spent but a small portion of the year in North Carolina. Immediately after the close of the last Grand Chapter, I visited Hillsboro', and set Lafayette Chapter to work, remained some time working with and instructing the officers and members—exalted ten, and left the Chapter in quite a flourishing condition. I was then called to Oxford Chapter, No. 8, where I remained some days giving instructions, done some work and left the High Priest qualified to give all the degrees. Thence, I was called to Warrenton Chapter, No. 9, where I remained about a week, assisted in doing some work and made some improvement in the qualifications of the Companions, whereby they could thereafter execute the work of the degrees with much propriety. This comprises the whole of my operations in the sublime degrees during the past year.

Most respectfully and fraternally yours,

L. L. STEVENSON, G. L.

The Chapter closed to meet again at 10 1-2 o'clock, A. M., tomorrow.

HENRY P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY, June 8th, 10 1-2 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Chapter opened in solemn form.

PRESENT:

M. E.,	Robt. G. Rankin,	G. H. P.
" "	P. W. Fanning,	P. G. H. P.
" "	Alfred Martin,	G. King, p. t.
" "	D. D. Phillips,	G. Scribe, p. t.
"	J. H. Moore,	G. Marshal.
"	Wm. Bagley,	G. P. S. p. t.
"	E. Myers,	G. R. A. Capt.
"	A. G. Jones,	G. M. 3d V. p. t.
"	J. M. Cox,	G M. 2d V. p. t.
"	R. P. Taylor,	G. M. 1st V. p. t.
"	Henry P. Russell,	G. Secretary.
"	Thos. W. Brown,	G. Treasurer.
"	Wm Burge,	G. Chaplain.
"	Hiram W. Foy,	G. Tyler.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Concord, No. 1, T. Burr, Jr., proxy for H. P., S. D. Wallace, K., A. A. Brown, S.

Concord, No. 5, Josiah S. Pender, Delegate.

Temple, No. 6, Thomas W. Brown. proxy.

Eureka, No. 7, Thos. Page Ricaud, Delegate.

Oxford, No. 8, R. P. Taylor, Proxy.

Warrenton, No. 9, Wm. Burge, H. P., A. G. Jones, K., J. H. Moore, proxy for S.

Raleigh, No. 10, Jno. R. Harrison, Wm. J. Clark, delegates.

Lafayette, No. 11, D. D. Phillips, Proxy.

Chorazin, No. 13, E. Myers, Proxy.

Cherokee, No. 14, J. M. Cox, H. P.

Union, No. 17, J. R. Loftin, H. P.

Keystone, No. 19, Wm. Bagley, Proxy.

Salisbury, No. 20, E. Myers, Proxy.

Visitors—Comp's R. T. Heflin, Wm. Geo. Thomas.

Prayer by Rev. Comp. Wm. Burge, G. Chaplain.

The Committee on Credentials, through Comp. A. A. Brown, made a further report.

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report, in addition, the names of Comp R. P. Taylor, delegate by proxy for the H. P. of Oxford Chapter, No. 8; Comp. J. M. Cox, H. P. of Cherokee Chapter, No. 14, and Comp. S. D. Wallace, King of Concord Chapter, No. 1.

A. A. BROWN, } Com.
J. H. MOORE, }

The Committee on Unfinished Business, through Comp. T. Page Ricaud, made the following report, which was received and adopted.

The committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report, That the subject of a "Representative Fund," which was left for "future action," is the only unfinished business of the last Convocation In view of the importance of this subject, they would suggest the propriety of referring it to a special committee, whose duty it shall be to report at the next Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

T. PAGE RICAUD, Ch'n.

The committee on G. H. P. and D. G. H. P. reports, made the following report through Comp. T. Page Ricaud, which was received and adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. E. G. H. Priest for disposal of its various subjects, have performed that duty, and respectfully suggest the following disposition thereof.

1st. So much as relates to the Royal and Select Degrees, to the irregularity of conduct, and to infringements of Jurisdiction; to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

2d. So much as relates to a remissness of duty on the part of members of Chapters; to uniformity of work, to Text Book, and the duties and prerogatives of Presiding Officers, to a Special committee.

3d. So much as relates to questions on the government of Subordinate Chapters, and appropriation for Grand Lecturer, and the proposed Centennial celebration of Washington's initiation into our Order, to a Special committee.

4th. They also recommend that the report of the Deputy Grand High Priest, be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.

T. PAGE RICAUD, Ch'n.

The Grand High Priest appointed as committee on Remissness of Duty, &c., Comp's Clarke, Bagley and Cox.

On the Government of Subordinates, &c., Comp's Myers, Harrison and Moore.

Comp. J. H. Moore offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter give the sum of $25 annually, for five years, for the purpose of assisting to build St. John's College, located at Oxford, N. C.

Comp. A. A. Brown offered the following substitute:

That $100 be appropriated by this Grand Chapter to St. John's College.

On motion of Comp. T. Page Ricaud, the subject was postponed till afternoon session.

Grand Chapter called off from labor to refreshment till 3 1-2 o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY, June 8th, 3 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

Officers and members as this morning.

Visitors—Comp's W. E. Freeman, D. Teller and J. Lyons.

The Proceedings of a Convention of "High Priests" was handed in, and on motion of Comp. A. Martin, they were ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

Comp. Moore's resolution, with Comp. Brown's substitute, relative to St. John's College, was again taken up. When Comp. T. Page Ricaud offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the subject of an appropriation for the erection of the Masonic College, lay over until our next Annual Convocation.

On motion of Comp. L. R. Loftin,

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter proceed to elect its officers for the ensuing year, tomorrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter called off from labor to refreshment, till tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock.

HENRY P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY, June 9th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E.,	Robt. G. Rankin,	G. H. P.
" "	P. W. Fanning,	P. G. H. P.
" "	Alfred Martin,	G. K. p. t.
" "	D. D. Phillips,	G. S. p. t.
"	J. H. Moore,	G. Marshal.
"	R. P. Taylor,	G. P. S. p. t.
"	E. Myers,	G. R. A. Capt.
"	A. G. Jones,	G. M. 3d V. p. t.
"	B. Bowden,	G. M. 2d V. p. t.
"	W. J. Clarke,	G. M. 1st V. p. t.
"	H. P. Russell,	G. Secretary.
"	Thos. W. Brown,	G. Treasurer.
"	Wm. Burge,	G. Chaplain.
"	Hiram W. Foy,	G. Tyler.

M. E., A. McRae, Sr., and Isaac Northrop, P. D. G. H. Priests.

Visitors—Comp's W. W. Harriss, J. E. Metts, and Wm. George Thomas.

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Concord,	No. 1, T. Burr, Jr., proxy for H. P., S. D. Wallace, K., A. A. Brown, S.
Mt. Ararat,	No. 3, Henry P. Russell, proxy for H. P., K., and S.
Concord,	No. 5, J. S. Pender, Delegate.
Temple,	No. 6, T. W. Brown, Proxy.
Eureka,	No. 7, T. Page Ricaud, Delegate.
Oxford,	No. 8, R. P. Taylor, Proxy.
Warrenton,	No. 9, W. Burge, H. P., A. G. Jones, K., J. H. Moore, Proxy for S.
Raleigh,	No. 10, Jno. R. Harrison and W. J. Clark, Delegates.
Lafayette,	No. 11, D. D. Phillips, Proxy.
Chorazin,	No. 13, E. Myers, Proxy.
Cherokee,	No. 14, J. M. Cox, H. P.
Union,	No. 17, L. R. Loftin, H. P.
Keystone,	No. 19, Wm. Bagley, Proxy.
Salisbury,	No. 20, E. Myers, Proxy.

Prayer by Rev. Comp. Wm. Burge, G. Chaplain.

The committee on portions of G. H. P. address, through Comp. Clarke, made the following report, which was received and adopted.

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of North Carolina:

The Special Committee to whom were referred so much of the address of the M. E. G. H. P., as relates to "Remissness of duty, on the part of members of Subordinate Chapters, uniformity of work, Text book, and the duties and prerogatives of Presiding Officers," having attentively considered the several matters to them referred, respectfully report:

That it is indispensably necessary, that the members of Subordinate Chapters should, at all times, when practicable, promptly attend the meetings, that they should give all diligence to render themselves perfect in the work, and that all things should be done "decently and in order,"—that this Grand Chapter having heretofore appointed a Grand Lecturer, they earnestly recommend that his instructions be strictly followed, in order to insure perfect uniformity of work.

They heartily concur in the recommendation of the M. E. G. H. P. respecting Moore's new Masonic Trestle board, as a suitable and convenient Text-book.

As to the Duties and Prerogatives of Presiding Officers, it is undoubtedly their duty to govern their Chapters, to read and expound the law and give good and wholesome instructions, and in so doing they should exemplify the law of kindness. It is their duty and privilege, to exclude all improper and irrelevant matters from their Chapters, to see that the ancient land marks are observed, and to guard against innovations and abuses; and for the manner in which they discharge these duties, and exercise the prerogatives appertaining to their offices, they are responsible and amenable to the M. E. Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter, alone.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. J. CLARKE, Ch'n.

The committee on Finance made the following report, which was received and adopted.

The committee of Finance have examined the Books of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct and in proper form, agreeably to the annexed statement.

Balance in Grand Treasurer's hands last year,	$197 05	
Receipts for the present year are as follows, viz:		
Instalment on J. Banks' note.	100 00	
One Dispensation,	90 00	
Dues of Subordinate Chapters,	240 00	
Interest on Notes, $600,	36 00	
Amounting to the sum of	$663 05	
Cr. Disbursements, or proper vouchers,	297 52	
Leaving cash balance in Treasury of		$364 03
Besides which, there are two Notes of hand on interest—one for $400, and one for $200—in all,		600 00
Nett assetts,		$964 03

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING,
A. MARTIN,
THOS. W. BROWN, } Finance Com'tee.

The following Chapters have paid dues for 1852, which amounts are included in the above statement: Chorazin Chapter, No. 13; Temple, No. 6; Warrenton, No. 6; Key Stone, No. 19; Eureka, No. 7; Raleigh, No. 10; Union, No. 17; Roanoke, No. 4; Salisbury, No. 20; Cyrus, No. 21; Lafayette, No. 11; Concord, No. 1; Conoho, No. 12; Oxford, No. 8; Cherokee, No. 14.

The following Chapters are in arrears: Phœnix, No. 2; Mt. Ararat, No. 3; Gaston, No. 18.

P. W. FANNING,
A. MARTIN,
THOS. W. BROWN, } Finance Com'tee.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations, through Comp. Martin, made the following report, which was received and adopted.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Deputy Grand High Priest, have had the same under consideration. The only thing requiring the action of this G. Chapter, is the Dispensation to Lincolnton Chapter; that Chapter having petitioned this Grand Chapter for a Charter; but having omitted to furnish a copy of their By-Laws, your committee recommend that their petition be referred to the M. E. G. H. P., who shall be authorized, upon receipt of their By-Laws, if approved, to issue a Charter to said Chapter under the title of Lincolnton Chapter, No. 22.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MARTIN,
JOHN R. HARRISON,
C. D. HILL.

The committee on Credentials made a further report, which was received and adopted.

The committee on Credentials beg leave to report, in addition to former reports, that Comp. Henry P. Russell has been duly constituted proxy, jointly, of the High Priest, King, and Scribe, of Mt. Ararat Chapter, No. 3.

A. A. BROWN,
J. H. MOORE, } Com.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Officers.

The G. H. P. appointed Comp's Moore and Clarke, as Tellers to superintend the election, which resulted as follows:

Robert G. Rankin,	Wilmington,	G. H. P.
Ezekiel Myers,	Salisbury,	D. G. H. P.
William Burge,	Warrenton,	G. King.
Wm. Geo. Thomas,	Tarboro',	G. Scribe.
Thos. W. Brown,	Wilmington,	G. Treas'r.
Henry P. Russell.	"	G. Sec'y.
J. M. Cox,	Hertford,	G. Marshal.

On motion of Comp. Fanning,

Resolved, That the Installation of Officers take place at 8 o'clock this evening.

The committee on portions of H. P. address, through Comp. Myers, reported as follows, which was received and adopted.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the *M.* E. G. High Priest's address relating to "questions on the government of Subordinate Chapters," "Appropriation for the expenses of the Grand Lecturer," and the proposed "Centennial celebration of Washington's Initiation into our Order," beg leave to make the following report:

With regard to the succession in office, in case of vacancy in a Subordinate Chapter, we concur in the views laid down by the M. E. Grand High Priest, in his address, and recommend the observance of the same in the contingency alluded to.

We also concur with the M. E. Grand High Priest in his views concerning the operation of amendments to the By-Laws of a Subordinate Chapter, and have nothing to add on this point.

We would recommend that $36 be allowed the Grand Lecturer for his attendance at the last annual convocation of this Grand Body.

That portion of the M. E. Grand High Priest's address, referring to the proposed Centennial celebration of Washington's Initiation into our Order, meets our hearty approbation and we take great pleasure in recommending the observance of the same to all Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

Your committee desired to give some expression of their views and feelings in regard to this subject. But being conscious of its surpassing magnitude, considering the character of the illustrious Brother—one whose military fame and patriotism—political honesty and integrity—high social and moral virtues, have become the common property of the combined world, and the admiration of all who love virtue and goodness; they feel inadequate to the task and submit the subject with the above recommendation.

E. MYERS,
J. H. MOORE, } Com.
J. R. HARRISON,

Comp. L. R. Loftin asked and obtained leave of absence and appointed Comp. P. W. Fanning his proxy.

During the Convocation, the following High Priests were duly installed:

M. E., J. W. Cox,	of Cherokee Chapter,	No. 14.
" " J. S. Pender,	" Concord "	" 5.

Grand Chapter called off from labor to refreshment till 2 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, June 9th, 2 1-2 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

Officers and members as this morning.

M. E., Isaac Northrop, P. D. G. H. P.

Visitors—Comp's E. J. Lutterloh, J. Lyon, J. H. Lane, M. McInnis, D. Teller, and W. E. Freeman.

The committee on Returns and Proceedings, through Comp. T. Page Ricaud, reported as follows:

The committee on Returns beg leave to report that they have examined the several returns of the following Subordinate Chapters, and find them correct:

		Exalted.	Dead.
Concord,	No. 1,	5	
Mt. Ararat,	" 3,	7	
Roanoke,	" 4,	1	
Concord,	" 5,	5	1
Temple,	" 6,	15	
Eureka,	" 7,	5	
Oxford,	" 8,	5	
Warrenton,	" 9,	4	1
Raleigh,	" 10,	3	1
Lafayette,	" 11,	17	
Conaho,	" 12,	6	
Cherokee,	" 14,	15	1
Union,	" 17,	5	
Keystone,	" 19,	1	
Salisbury,	" 20,	18	
Total,		102	4

The following Chapters have made no returns, viz: Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, Fayetteville; Chorazin Chapter, No 13, Greensboro'; Gaston Chapter, No. 18, Roxboro'.

Your committee regret the existence of any cause requiring censure, but they cannot pass by unnoticed, the palpable remissness of Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, having failed to make returns or being represented since their re-organization. A neglect of duty, which we think calls loudly for decided action by this Grand Chapter.

We have evidence to believe that Chorazin Chapter, No. 13, designed sending her returns to the present convocation, but, doubtless, for satisfactory reasons have failed to do so.

By reference to the proceedings of last convocation, we find that Gaston Chapter was duly represented, from which we infer that their failing to be represented at this convocation was unavoidable.

T. PAGE RICAUD, Ch'n.

Comp. Moore offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, be required to appear, by her Representatives, at the next convocation of the Grand Chapter, and show cause why her Charter should not be taken away, otherwise the same shall be declared forfeited in accordance with the Constitution; and that the Grand Sec'y forward to Phœnix Chapter a copy of this resolution.

Comp. Burr, from the committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report:

To the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina:

The committee on Communications, or on the state of Royal Arch Masonry, have examined the proceedings of the Grand Royal Arch Chapters of Maine, Vermont, New York, (adjourned meeting, April, 1850, and annual do. Nov. 1850–'51,) Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and an address delivered in Louisville on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Hall in that city.

The Grand Chapters of South Carolina, Missouri, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Ohio, Alabama, and Tennessee, have failed to favor this Grand Chapter with a copy of their proceedings, or else they have been misdirected or lost. We regret the omission as we are thus deprived of the benefit of their teachings, and are left in comparative doubt with regard to the situation of Royal Arch Masonry in those jurisdictions. And here it may not be inappropriate for your committee to urge upon the attention of this Grand Body, and of her sister sovereignties, the necessity of a rigid compliance with the rule dictated alike by courtesy and policy, of regularly and punctually forwarding to all the Grand Chapters, copies of their printed proceedings. Your committee notice the want of this regular interchange, and while they ascribe omissions entirely to accident, they trust that more certainty will be evinced hereafter. North Carolina, perhaps, is as justly blameable in this regard as any other jurisdiction, and your committee certainly have no desire to shield her, while reflecting in a friendly way upon other Grand Bodies. With a view to accomplish the object designed, the Committee would recommend that the Grand Secretary forward two copies of our yearly proceedings at different periods, to each Grand Chapter in the United States. And a table showing the name and address of the Grand Secretaries, as far as we could ascertain, has been prepared.

Your committee will now proceed, as concisely as possible, to give an abstract of such portions of the proceedings of the different Grand Chapters as may be deemed advisable.

The proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Maine are interesting, altho' we do not discover the usual annual report of the Grand High Priest. A code of By-Laws was adopted.

An invitation from the authorities of Portland to participate with them in the celebration of the national anniversary, was tendered to the Grand Chapter, and placed on file. We find no subsequent action upon the subject, and conclude, therefore, that the Grand Chapter did not participate on the occasion alluded to; which, considered as a general rule, in the view of your committee, was a proper proceeding. Frequent unnecessary parades and processions in regalia add nothing to the strength or popularity of an Order like ours, based as it is on principles, changeless as time, and teachings of more value than empty displays. If *our works*—if the beautiful tenets of our profession, if the fair proportions of the noble edifice we inhabit cannot attract around our altars, and in our sacred precincts the good and virtuous, in vain must we seek to allure them by the outward semblances of parade. We do not wish to *dazzle* members into companionship with us; we desire the participation in our labors of upright men, but we wish them to come with higher considerations than those possibly suggested by the imposing character of a procession. In the opinion of your committee, the different branches of the Institution should engage in public exercises only in the performance of undoubted legitimate business.

We notice that the sum of $20 was paid the chairman of the committee of Foreign Correspondence for his services; which seems to us unusual. We notice a similar proceeding in Vermont.

There are seven Chapters at work in the jurisdiction of VERMONT. The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence is a very able and well prepared paper, and alludes to this Grand Chapter and its proceedings in terms of praise.

On the subject of the Royal and Select Degrees, it holds the following language:

"The report of the special committee of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, on this subject, is one of the most sensible documents about it we have ever met with. With great modesty and deference to the opinions of others, it gives the result of such investigations as the committee had found it within its power to make. We think the committee compassed every important thing relative to it, which is reliable in the present state of Masonic information, in this country.

"If the Supreme Council of the 33d have thought, once or twice, that these degrees might fairly belong to *their* control, that claim has been clearly abandoned. If some State Grand Chapters have seen fit to arrange them in order, *after* the Royal Arch degree, it by no means follows that the committee of North Carolina erred in placing them *before* it. We believe the committee were right, and that enlightened Masonic investigation will eventually prove them to be so.

"The committee of foreign correspondence of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina say, that the General Grand Chapter should "claim or prohibit these degrees, and let them be no longer a matter of local regulation." But that body neither "claims nor prohibits" them. Why then not leave them to their own regulation through State Grand Councils? If the General Grand Chapter itself now shrinks from usurpation, as to them, what fair apology is there for its subordinates assuming a power which their superior body hesitates to assert?

"Whenever the local councils and the State Grand Councils shall *voluntarily* concede the jurisdiction of these degrees, to the General Grand Chapter, and that body, by a common understanding, express its willingness to adopt the conceded power, all doubt as to an appropriate head for these degrees, in this country, will cease. Never, until then, in our opinion, will the great variety of Masonic opinions about them be concentrated to any useful purpose. Treat the degrees as independent, and the jurisdiction over them as a sheer matter of policy, and we are confident many years would not pass before they would be placed under our acknowledged head, to the content and satisfaction of all parties, and for the general interests of the fraternity at large."

This is high praise from an intelligent source. While on the subject of these Degrees, your committee would simply remark, that a vast deal more has been said upon it than the importance of the theme would justify. Numberless reports continue to be written, of all grades of ability and shades of opinion. Some earnestly demand a settlement of the "vexed question" by the G. G. Chapter,—some insist that they shall be yielded up to the Grand Councils,—while others maintain that they are the property of the Chapters. In the meantime, in some of the States they are not conferred at all; in others, before the Royal Arch; and in a number, after that degree, thus presenting a confusion, which, while it does not deteriorate from the beauty of the degrees, affords ample scope for the preparation of long and learned reports for the consideration of the different Grand Chapters. Were the G. G. Chapter to settle the location and jurisdiction of these degrees, it is doubtful but that the same state of disagreement would continue. The Chapters would hardly yield to the Councils, and obtain a favor, which, from the nature of the degrees themselves, and long and uninterrupted use, have been considered and maintained as a right. The Councils would not recognize the claim of the Chapters, and thus we should be at sea again. Perhaps the better course would be to let the matter rest, until time or an amicable arrangement between the contending powers shall finally settle their jurisdiction and locality. The G. G. Chapter cannot do this, and therefore properly waived the subject at its last session. Your committee are decidedly of opinion, that the continued discussion of this much mooted point should cease, believing that it can be productive of no good, while it has a tendency to aggravate and postpone settlement. Let the subject remain quietly as it is; for as in the appropriation of these degrees all parties have acted in good

faith, and with reference to the prosperity of the Order, mere technicalities, and immaterial differences should be made to yield to the superior merit of the peace and happiness of the Institution itself.

Alluding to the General Grand Chapter, the same committee remark:

"The committee of foreign correspondence of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina have made some very dignified and candid remarks as to the wisdom of preserving the General Grand Chapter with its present form and constitution, the force of which justifies us in asking for them the serious consideration of this grand body. Your committee believe that some of the reasons bearing against the General Grand Chapter, given by the North Carolina committee, may be fairly met and answered, but that there are others which it will be found difficult to answer truthfully and satisfactorily at the present time. Strong efforts are wanting on the part of the representatives of State Grand bodies to modify or remove existing evils in the constitution and legislation of the General Grand Chapter, and such efforts will have to be made before that body will become what it was designed to be, and what it ought to be. Did North Carolina quite do her share to effect any thing towards this, last September? Not one of her regular officers was in that body. Companion Stevenson, of Virginia, who bore the proxy of her G. H. Priest, was indeed among our most influential and respected members;—but was it quite right, with the heads and the pens which the proceedings of the G. C. of North Carolina disclose, to send a proxy from another State, to represent her in the General Grand Chapter, although that proxy be among the most talented and estimable of men?"

We think we can promise that this jurisdiction will be represented in person at the next communication of the G. G. Chapter. While on this subject it may not be inappropriate to observe that the views of your committee coincide with those heretofore expressed by this body, as to the powers and defects of the supreme Head in R. A. Masonry. We are willing that this high authority shall exist; convinced that its power to inflict mischief or do much good is rather questionable. It meets once in three years, passes a few harmless decrees; waives mooted points; talks very properly upon the necessity of a uniformity in the work, which every member well knows, borders on the impossible; passes the time very agreeably in the exercise of those social feelings, so pleasant in the interchange and in the remembrance, and after spending two or three days in this delightful manner the members hurry to their business and their homes, and all is quiet again. Who objects to this? We do not, and so far from using terms of reproach, as in the case of our warm hearted brothers of Florida, we are rather pleased than otherwise, at the generally innocent nature of the proceedings. The members of the G. G. Chapter do not pass many decrees, for they have not the power to *compel* obedience; they do not settle disputed questions for the reason that it would be no settlement at all. Hence good judgment, we think, is manifested in the paucity of the work accomplished, and a commendable industry in the rapid transaction of the business. Were they to sit a month they could do no more.

It is apparent from these remarks that in the opinion of your committee, the General Grand Chapter is an inefficient, sometimes useful, and generally harmless Masonic structure. Were it a new thing, and at this time sought to be established in the United States, we should oppose it. As it is, however, we are willing to uphold it, and stand prepared to advocate those needful reforms and changes in its constitution and legislation which seem imperatively demanded by the history of the past.

As germain to this subject, we will allude to the resolution introduced at the last session of the G. G. Chapter, "to enquire into the propriety and expediency of abolishing said Grand Chapter and all other general bodies in the United States;" for the purpose, it is said, of establishing in their place *a General Convocation of Masonic Delegates*, representing all State Grand bodies, to meet annually or triennially, at some central location, for the purpose of exercising a general legislative jurisdiction over all Masonic bodies in the United States." We presume there is no probability of the passage of the resolution,

and merely allude to it in this place to express our disapproval. In all measures having a tendency to increase the usefulness and high repute of the General Grand Chapter to which we owe allegiance,—in every needful reform whether in the abridgement of doubtful rights, or the additional grant of necessary power,—in fine, in all attempts to build up and adorn our noble Institution, we shall be found willing advocates. But to tear down and demolish, to upturn the fabric, which, defective though it may be, shelters and protects us, is a species of vandalism we cannot engage in. We are unwilling, in search of a doubtful good, to experiment upon the established order of thiugs. The abolishment of the General Grand Chapter would be alike a stigma upon the craft, an acknowledgement of failure, and a launching out upon a sea of conflicting opinions and dangerous contingencies euding no one knows where. Suppose a *General Convocation of Masonic Delegates* should be established, what would it accomplish? Could it perform the duties of government, with more ability or satisfaction to Subordinate authorities than the G. G. Chapter? Could it regulate the work sooner, decide mooted points more understandingly, compel obedience to its decrees more generally? Certainly not. It would be a larger body embracing a greater contrariety of opinion, and wider scope for dissensions. It would have the same purposes to accomplish as the Institution it had displaced, and with like powers. "Remove not the landmarks which thy fathers have set." Introduce necessary reforms into the constitution and legislation of the present parent head of Royal Arch Masonry, perfect the structure now existing, and it will discharge the functions pertaining to its establishment far better than a general assembly, irresponsible, and equally liable to error. The General Grand Chapter is imperfect it is true, but so are all human institutions.

What are Constitutional Masonic Degrees? This question has been discussed and the decision of the G. G. Chapter sought thereon, but the subject at the last session was indefinitely postponed. Section 9, article 1, of the constitution, declares that "No Royal Arch Mason, within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, shall be permitted to confer any degree in Masonry, not recognized as a constitutional degree; nor to establish any society of Masons not recognized as a constitutional body; and the first four officers of the General Grand Chapter, or any three of them, shall in all cases have authority to decide all constitutional questions under this section." These degrees have never been defined, and to settle the matter the following resolution was introduced, and indefinitely postponed as before remarked:

"*Resolved,* That in the opinion of this General Grand Chapter, those are Constitutional Masonic degrees only which are conferred in regular Blue Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Encampments of Knights Templars, and the appendant Orders, Councils of Royal and Select Masters and Supreme Councils of the 'Ancient and Accepted Rite,' and their inferior jurisdictions."

Your committee, without entering into an argument upon the subject, are satisfied that the section alluded to is a good one, and should be permitted to remain in the G. G. Constitution. They are also of opinion that the G. G. Chapter acted wisely in declining to define the Degrees; and especially in postponing the resolution offered by Comp. Lewis. The passage of that resolution would have been a departure by the G. G. Chapter from the sphere of its legitimate duties. What right has the G. G. Chapter to declare that the Encampment Degrees, and those of the Supreme Councils of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite" are or are not constitutional Degrees? What knowledge *as a Grand Chapter* has it of these Degrees? It has no jurisdiction over them, and presumptively is ignorant of all save their existence. It seems to us, therefore, that it would have been a usurpation on the part of the G. G. Chapter to have passed the resolution alluded to. The Charters and Dispensations of Subordinate Lodges and Chapters are sufficiently explicit upon this point; the Degrees authorized to be conferred in each branch are therein specified, and we

presume those at least are constitutional. Whether the Royal and Select Degrees are likewise constitutional, is a question for the different Jurisdictions. We assume that they are, and without being aware of the practice elsewhere, it has been the custom in this State to include them in the Charters granted to Subordinate Chapters. This has been done in the absence of any superior authority universally recognized as their legitimate proprietors. These Degrees are in the nature of waifs, and it has been the desire of this Jurisdiction to give them "a local habitation and a name." It seems to your committee, on the whole, that policy and a due regard to all the interests of the Fraternity, suggest that the section alluded to should not only be retained, but that the matter should rest as at present—especially if in defining these Degrees the G. G. Chapter should wander out of its appropriate jurisdiction.

In much of the reasoning of the committee on Foreign Correspondence (whose report we are now considering,) relative to the point, whether on a mere question of *order*, an appeal can of right be taken from the decision of the presiding officer, in any Royal Arch Chapter, to the body over which he presides, we concur. We are not aware of the existence of any law prior to the decision of the question at the last session of the G. G. Chapter, denying the right of appeal, but we know that the practice favors the assumption. The power of a Master of a Lodge, and a High Priest of a Chapter in the decision of matters regulating the work and legislation of the craft, has always been deemed final. An appeal lies to the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter as the case may be, but not to the Subordinate. The *reason* of the rule, so far as it applies to *mere points of order*, unconnected with the lectures and work of the Institution, we confess we cannot comprehend. A change in this regard, if not inconsistent with general law or "immemorial usage," would redound to the advantage of the craft. The Vermont committee argue, that if there is good sense in the rule which allows any member of a *free* deliberative body, dissatisfied with the decision of the presiding officer an appeal to the meeting, there is equally good sense in it when applied to *free* Masonry. In the opinion of your committee the term *Free* Masonry has not, nor never had, any reference to political freedom, but to the fact of a man being "free born;" and by analogy Masons are said to be free from the ordinary vices of mankind, and especially from the prejudices and restraints of political parties and sectarian influences. The argument therefore, that a latitude of freedom in business and legislation attaches to the Institution from the nature of its title, we hold to be fallacious. Masonry is not a political Order, although some of the rules for the government of deliberative bodies might with safety be introduced. After all, the chief concern should be the selection of the presiding officers. These should be not only skilful craftsmen learned in the work, but acquainted with the forms likewise for the proper transaction of business. An oppressive, ill-judging, dogmatical spirit is entirely inconsistent with the practice and teachings of Masonry, and no High Priest or Master should ever be elected who would so offend against the tenets of the Institution. If the proper officers are elected, the workings will be harmonious.

The question whether any of the Chapter Degrees may be conferred on persons maimed or otherwise imperfect in body, has for a long time created discussion. It was brought up in the G. G. Chapter at its last session, and a committee appointed to report at the next triennial communication. In Vermont it was referred to a committee which reported that it is not in accordance with Masonic law to confer them as above, but the matter was laid over. It is a subject which allows a wide range for debate, and forcible arguments on each side, and your committee would be pleased to enter upon its discussion, but this report is already growing long. In the examination which they have given it, however, contrary to their own wishes, they are forced by the authorities which seem to be conclusive,

to the opinion that these Degrees cannot be conferred except upon persons not deformed or dismembered. The ancient regulation is as follows, "No master should take an apprentice (that is, should initiate a candidate,) unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he be a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body, that may render him incapable of learning the art, of serving his master's Lord, and of being made a brother, and then a Fellow Craft in due time." The regulation still continues in force altho' the character of the Institution has materially changed. What was once an operative science is now purely speculative, and it has been held that inasmuch as this regulation was made when Masonry was an operative science, that now in these latter days, the Order being purely speculative—a beautiful code of morality,—the reason of the rule having departed, the rule itself should be abolished. Yet, however much we might desire the abolition of this regulation, as being inconsistent and unnecessary, it is easy to see that were it stricken from the books a door would be open for innovations dangerous to the peace and prosperity of the Craft. Again, it has been contended that the regulation copied above, and others of like character, do not constitute what are called *ancient land marks* which cannot be removed. That many of the regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions are mere "local ceremonies, laws and usages which vary in different countries;" that the Degrees of the Order, (we quote from the report, a very able and ingenious one, of the committee on Foreign Correspondence of Mississippi,) constitute the book of Constitutions, in which the land-marks are contained, and that no express law on the subject can be found therein. The question, from this argument, would seem to be reduced to this point, what are land-marks? and whether the Book of Constitutions embodies them? In the absence of a decision, your committee concur with their Companions of Mississippi, who recommend, in view of all the circumstances, to leave the subject where we find it,—to the enlightened conscience and opinions of every one, who may have the right to cast a ballot for or against any candidate for the degrees of the Order.

Your committee desire to bring to the attention of the Grand Chapter the proposition of establishing a representative fund to defray the expenses of the representatives to the G. G. Chapter. This subject was brought up for consideration at the last session of that body, referred to a committee, who reported a series of resolutions to which we direct the attention of this Grand Body. They propose, in brief, that a fund be established by an equal assessment of $50 upon the different Grand Chapters for the payment of the mileage and per diem of the delegates, and a like sum at every triennial and special session of the G. G. Chapter. That the mileage be three cents per mile for each and every mile going and returning from the residence of the delegate by the nearest usually travelled route, and that the per diem be fixed at $1,50 while in actual attendance on the G. G. C. The whole subject was postponed to the next regular communication and the State Grand Bodies were requested to express their opinions upon its expediency. We have thought it our duty to bring the question up for consideration at this time, and while viewing it in an unfavorable light, recommend that it be referred to the Special committee on the subject.

Your committee coincide in the views of this Grand Body, heretofore expressed, relative to the high price fixed for Chapter Charters, and they are happy to observe that Kentucky, Vermont and other States are with them on this subject. An amendment to the Constitution of the G. G. Chapter, proposing to leave the matter to the State Grand Bodies to act in their discretion, was rejected, however, at its last session, and the fee continues the same. Perhaps if the Representative Fund is established there may be an alteration in this regard. The price is manifestly too high—$50 would be nearer the mark.

We observe in the proceedings of New York, that a committee on the subject of a

History of Free Masonry in the State, is collecting materials for the same. Would not a similar move on the part of this Grand Chapter be attended with instruction and profit?

Your committee concur in the opinion that if a R. A. Mason is suspended or expelled by his Blue Lodge, or by a Grand Lodge of *competent jurisdiction*, he is held as "profane" till the disability is removed by those who created it. This seems to them sound Masonic law.

The multiplication of officers of the Grand Chapter your committee consider unnecessary. It is true they do not retard business, but they do not increase its despatch. They are more in the nature of ornaments than of necessary adjuncts. Look over the list.—There are Grand Principal Sojourners, Masters of the Veils, Orators and Marshals. What are the objects of their creation—especially that of Orator. While your committee do not object to the appointment of these officers if deemed advisable, they recommend for the sake of uniformity, that one course be adopted by all the G. Chapters and that an equal number of subordinate officers, if it must be so, bearing the same title, be appointed at the regular times hereafter. And as having a connection herewith, that the title of the keeper of the outer door be permanently designated whether as Grand Tyler, Guard, Janitor or Sentinel.

We quote the following from the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence as an evidence of kindly feeling: "God bless the labors and sacrifices of our noble and true hearted Companions of North Carolina, and may their future sunshine be as bright and glorious as the clouds were dark and lowering." So mote it be.

In Indiana a committee has been appointed for the preparation of a proper form of ceremonies to be used at the installation of the Grand officers. This committee has not yet reported. Its object is a good one.

Your committee deem it their duty to call the attention of the Grand Chapter to the subject of uniformity in the work. At the last communication of the G. G. Chapter it received much attention. The work was exemplified—a committee appointed, and after laborious investigation, a report was submitted and unanimously adopted, and the first four officers of the G. G. Chapter were requested to take such measures as they might think best for diffusing as extensively as may be, the knowledge of the same to the several Chapters under its jurisdiction. Our Chapters are profiting by the instructions of our Grand Lecturer who was a member of the committee above alluded to.

An interesting case arose in the jurisdiction of Maryland. A Subordinate Chapter elected a H. P. and presented his name in due and proper form to a Council of High Priests, with a certificate of his election, and an application for the degree of High Priesthood. He was ballotted for by the Council and rejected; again re-elected, and a second time rejected by the Council. He was subsequently a third time chosen, his name again returned to the G. H. P. for installation, who declined installing him. The Subordinate thereupon appealed to the Grand Chapter, and the matter was referred to a committee of four. There was a majority and likewise a minority report. The first of these contended that "the Order of High Priesthood" according to Cross' Chart, and the constitution of the G. G. Chapter, is one of the orders attached to R. A. Masonry, and appertains exclusively to the office of H. P. of a R. A. Chapter, inasmuch as no one can legally receive it until he has been duly elected a H. P. in a regular Chapter of R. A. Masons; that no H. P. can be qualified for the station he is to fill without that anointment which cannot be given except by a Council of High Priests, and that without this and other necessary ceremonies no H. P. can, without a violation of a most solemn trust, instal a companion as H. Priest.

The report farther contends that the G. H. P. of Maryland did right, therefore, in refusing to instal the H. P. elect of the Subordinate Chapter, for the reasons above stated; that a Council of H. Priests has a perfect right to admit or reject whosoever they think proper from the ceremonies of their body, and that the course pursued by the Subordinate Chapter in reiterating the election of a companion to the office of H. P., after a Council of H. Priests had declined to confer upon him the order of High Priesthood, was not in accordance with the usages of R. A. Masonry. This is the substance of the report of the majority. The minority held that the G. H. P. should, without hesitation, have installed the H. P. elect; that because the Council recognized the G. H. P., as President of that body, it constituted no reason for a refusal to perform this part of his duty clearly marked out by the 5th Article of the Constitution; that it never was intended that any companion elected to preside over a Chapter should pass through the ordeal of the Council, but should be qualified in strict conformity to the letter and spirit of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter; and that the Subordinate Chapters are themselves the best judges of the qualifications of the members selected to preside over them. The report and resolutions of the majority were adopted by the Grand Chapter. These proceedings took place at an adjourned session, and subsequently the Subordinate Chapter, referred to above, surrendered its Charter. It was afterwards regularly re-organized, and is now working prosperously. These are the material facts in the case.

The principal points in this proceeding, in the opinion of your committee, are the right of Subordinate Chapters to select their own officers, and the power and extent of authority legally belonging to a Council of High Priests. On the first point it seems to be clear and undeniable that the members of Chapters are themselves the best judges of the merit and qualifications of those selected to preside over them. They will, in all probability, select only such officers as have proved themselves, by previous service, fit for exaltation. It is their right and duty to advance such men without consultation with or reference to the smiles or frowns of another power. Else elections in Subordinates are solemn farces. This point seems too clear for further notice. Of the power and extent of authority of a Council of High Priests, your committee are not fully advised. What is a Council of High Priests? It is a collection of those members only who have passed the presiding chair of a Chapter. It has no legal Masonic existence—is not recognized in the old constitutions, and derives its claim as a Masonic authority simply from the usage of a few years, and not by an express grant. The constitution of the G. G. Chapter does not establish it, but merely recognises the performance of certain ceremonies to be done only by past High Priests, and upon this and similar authority the claim is urged that it is a legal Masonic institution with defined rights and privileges. Your committee agree with their Vermont companions, that Councils of High Priests are *self* constituted. They derive power from no where but themselves. The object of their meeting, at all times, is simply to consecrate a companion High Priest, according to the appropriate forms. It is a *duty* on their part; a *right* on the part of the officer to be consecrated. They hold that a Council, therefore, has not the power to say to a Subordinate Chapter "we will not qualify your elected officer for installation; for certain reasons we will refuse his application; elect a man agreeable to us, and we will act favorably but not otherwise." Your committee contend that such action is not warranted by the constitutions, and if sanctioned by usage that it is illegal and tyrannical and should be abolished. The Subordinate Chapters must determine for themselves. In nine cases out of ten they will follow the correct direction. They are the parties most materially interested, and the presumption is that the welfare and prosperity of the Order are the primary objects in view. Cases *may* arise in

when the supervisory action of the Council might be exerted with advantage to the craft; but the preservation of a principle, and the rights of Subordinate Chapters to regulate their own affairs outweighs these occasional instances. The subject is an important one and worthy of consideration. If a Council of High Priests is a regular Masonic institution, it has, of course, the power to charge for the degree it confers; a proceeding we are happy to say never countenanced in North Carolina, and which we hold to be wrong in principle, and objectionable in practice.

Since writing the above the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana have been placed in our hands. It will be seen by the following extract that a similar opinion is entertained by that intelligent jurisdiction:

"Your committee think the question one of grave importance, and one which should be presented to the G. G. Chapter for its decision. If a Council of *High Priests* can *veto* the action of a Chapter in the choice of its presiding officer, it presents a new feature in R. A. Masonry."

A new feature most decidedly.

Your committee notice the adoption of a resolution in Illinois that the Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction, request the Secretaries of the several Grand Chapters to forward to him their printed proceedings for the several past years, so far as they can. We presume this request will be, if it has not already been, complied with by our Secretary.

The following resolution was adopted by the Grand Chapter of Illinois quite unnecessarily we think:

"*Resolved*, That all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, are hereby ORDERED not to confer the Degrees of Royal and Select Master, or to suffer the same to be done in their Chapters."

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi decided at its last convocation, that, when a companion is suspended or expelled by a Subordinate Chapter, and takes an appeal from the sentence thereof, the term of his suspension or expulsion shall commence from the time of the rendition of the sentence in the Subordinate Chapter.

The penalty of expulsion for non-payment of dues was ordered by the G. C. of Indiana at its last meeting to be stricken from the By-Laws of a Subordinate Chapter. The objectionable article declared that any member being in arrears for six months or more for dues or otherwise, shall be summoned before the Chapter, and on having ten days notice shall be tried and may be expelled from the Chapter on account of such delinquency.—The committee on this subject remark that the non-payment of dues should be punished but that it ought not to be visited with the highest penalty known to our constitution. A reprimand or a suspension, either for a definite or an indefinite length of time would be entirely sufficient. In these views your committee heartily coincide.

An amendment to the constitution of the G. Chapter was proposed at the same session as above, and in the opinion of your committee, very properly killed. It provided that all vacancies in the Subordinate Chapters, occasioned by death, resignation or otherwise, should be filled *pro tem.* by election. This in our view is not warranted by the Constitutions.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That hereafter the different Subordinate Chapters under this Grand Chapter may at discretion, ballot for the degree of Mark Master, in a Lodge of Mark Masters; for Past Master, in a Past Master's Lodge; and Most Excellent Master, in a Most Excellent Master's Lodge. But no one shall be entitled to vote in any one of said Lodges for any person to receive any one of said degrees, but Royal Arch Masons."

In North Carolina, but one ballot is had for all the degrees, and that in the Royal Arch; and we consider it a proper and the most legal mode.

Believing that a well digested report upon the state of Royal Arch Masonry is an important feature in the proceedings of Grand Chapters, and feeling, as we have painfully felt, the want of more time to ascertain by study and research a correct understanding of disputed points of Masonic lore, your committee recommend, that hereafter, the committee on Communications be required to make their report at the communication subsequent to their appointment.

Your committee suggest that the names of those companions departed this life, from year to year, within the jurisdiction of North Carolina, be hereafter published in form with the proceedings, and that the Subordinate Chapters make the necessary returns for this purpose.

The irregularity of conduct too often manifested by companions in the conferring of degrees, having been referred to us for consideration, the committee believe that they will have discharged their duty in the premises by expressing their entire concurrence in the appropriate remarks of the G. H. P. made in his report to the members of this communication.

The M. E. G. H. P. has brought to your notice the action of certain Masonic bodies, who lately initiated a cosmopolite, an exile and a travelling political emissary, into our mysteries, and assured him of the aid of American Masons. Such unmasonic action fills our minds with the most gloomy apprehensions. So glaring a departure from the old ways of Masonry cannot be spoken of in any but terms of strong disapprobation. We allude to it more in sorrow than in anger. Sympathy, we expect and hope, will ever be extended to the down-trodden and oppressed man. We, as individuals, may acknowledge his course to be just and heartily wish him God-speed, but to declare that *M*asonry will engage in any political crusade, is heresy of the rankest stamp. "Ours are the plans of fair delightful peace." Our motto is, peace on earth, good will towards all mankind. To the oppressor and the oppressed, we, as Masons, extend equally the right hand of fellowship, if they approach us as Masons; and while we weep in beholding suffering humanity, we can, consistently with our principles, only stretch forth our hands and look imploringly to Heaven. This ill-judged action of our over-zealous brethren of another State, will furnish the only argument to justify the tyrannical decree of the present President of France in suppressing the Masonic Lodges of that country.

In conclusion, we will say, that while *M*asonry remains duly sensible of her holy mission—restrains the unhallowed and turbulent passions of men—inculcates brotherly love, relief and truth, dispenses her benefits uninfluenced by passion or prejudice; while she leads to virtue with the flowery bands of soft persuasion, and is "beautifully severe" in reproving vice and immorality, we may confidently hope that crowds of enthusiastic votaries will throng her courts, and that our time-honored institution will rise in majesty, spread abroad in beauty and strength, till it becomes a glory in the whole earth. So mote it be.

TALCOTT BURR, Jr.,
J. H. MOORE,
WM. J. CLARKE,
J. S. PENDER,
L. R. LOFTIN.

Comp. A. Martin offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decision of the G. H. P. upon that article of the Constitution relative to the manner of voting, be spread upon the minutes.

The Grand High Priest decides that according to the Grand Constitution, in all questions decided by ballot, that one single delegate appointed by, and appearing as the representative of a Subordinate Chapter, is entitled to cast the three votes of his Chapter. But when a Chapter is represented by the proper officers, or their proxy, the number of votes given must correspond with the number of officers represented.

On motion of Comp. Martin,

Resolved, That 300 copies of the proceedings of this G. Convocation be printed, and the expense thereof be paid out of the funds of this G. C., and that the present G. Constitution be also printed with the proceedings of the Grand Convocation.

Comp. Martin offered the following:

Resolved, That $30 be paid out of the funds of this G. Chapter to the Grand Treasurer and $50 to the Grand Secretary, and also $12 to the Grand Tyler for their services during the present Convocation.

On motion of Comp. Moore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and Concord Chapter, No. 1, for the use of their Hall and the kind and friendly manner in which we have been received and entertained during the present Grand Convocation.

Grand Chapter called off till 8 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, June 9th, 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

Officers and members as this afternoon.

Visitors—Comp's Joseph B. Russell, Jacob Lyons, D. Teller, Geo. Harriss, and A. Jackson Howell.

M. E. Robt. G. Rankin, G. H. P. elect, was duly installed in office by M. E., Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P.

The G. H. P. made the following appointments:

Comp.	W. J. Clarke,	of Raleigh,	G. P. S.
"	D. D. Phillips,	" Hillsboro',	G. R. A. C.
"	Jno. R. Harrison,	" Raleigh,	G. M. 3 V.
"	Wm. Bagley,	" Plymouth,	G. M. 2 V.
"	J. S. Pender,	" Tarboro',	G. M. 1 V.
"	T. Page Ricaud,	" Newbern,	G. Chaplain.
"	H. W. Foy,	" Wilmington,	G. Tyler.

The Officers elected and appointed were duly installed by the M. E. G. H. P. Comp. Bagley being absent, was installed by proxy.

The M. E. G. H. P., appointed

Grand Lecturer, J. H. Moore, of Warrenton.

Committee of Finance, Comp's P. W. Fanning, A. Martin, T. W. Brown.

Comp. Martin offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The ceremonies of Installation contained in the several charts and monitors, are designed only for the officers of Subordinate Chapters; and are therefore in a great degree inappropriate for those of the Grand Chapter, therefore

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to prepare a set of Lectures and charges appropriate to those ceremonies in the Installation of the officers of this Grand Chapter, and report the same at our next Grand Annual Communication.

Comp's A. Martin and T. Burr, Jr., were appointed said committee.

On motion of Comp. Myers,

Resolved, That the G. H. P. take the necessary steps to have a renewal of the Charter to this Grand Chapter at the next session of the General Assembly of the State.

On motion of Comp. Fanning,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to collect 3 copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter from its re-organization, and have the same bound for the use of this Grand Chapter; and that the expenses of the same be paid out of the G. Treasury.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter closed in "Solemn Form," to meet again on the first Monday in June, A.·. L. 5853, A.·. I. 2383, A.·. D. 1853.

Prayer by Comp. Rev. T. Page Ricaud, G. Chaplain.

HENRY P. RUSSELL, *Grand Secretary.*

WILMINGTON, N. C., 8th June, A.·. D. 1852, A.·. I. 2382.

A Convention of High Priests assembled in St. John's Hall.

PRESENT:

M. E.,	Alfred Martin,	President,
" "	Wm. Geo. Thomas,	Master of Ceremonies,
" "	Robt. G. Rankin,	Conductor,
" "	E. Myers,	Recorder,
" "	P. W. Fanning,	
" "	L. R. Loftin,	
" "	William Burge.	

Ex. Companions Joseph M. Cox, High Priest elect of Cherokee Chapter, No. 14, and Josiah S. Pender, H. P. elect of Concord Chapter, No. 5, presented certificates of their election as High Priests of their respective Chapters, and were consecrated High Priests of the order of Melchisidec, in solemn form.

E. MYERS, *Recorder.*

A List of "High Priests" in the State of North Carolina.

Wilmington,	M. E.,	James F. McRee,
"	"	Alex. MacRae,
"	"	P. W. Fanning,
"	"	Alfred Martin,
"	"	Isaac Northrop,
"	"	Dugald McMillan,
"	"	Robert G. Rankin,
Raleigh,	"	Wm. G. Hill,
"	"	E. B. Freeman,
"	"	John W. Cosby,
Salisbury,	"	E. Myers,
"	"	A. H. Caldwell,
Roxboro',	"	C. H. Jordan,
Fayetteville,	"	Robert Strange,
"	"	John McRae,
"	"	Ed. L. Winslow,
Duplin,	"	L. R. Loftin,
"	"	Eli W. Hines,
Tarboro',	"	J. S. Pender,
"	"	Wm. Geo. Thomas,
"	"	Lewis Bond,
Halifax,	"	W. W. Daniel,
"	"	C. N. Webb,
Goldsboro',	"	James Griswold,
Oxford,	"	Zeb. M. Paschall,
Warrenton,	"	Wm. Burge,
Murfreesboro',	"	A. P. Yancy,
"	"	F. M. Capehart,
Newbern,	"	A. T. Jerkins,
Plymouth,	"	Thomas B. Nicholls
Hertford,	"	Jos. M. Cox,
Hamilton,	"	P. P. Clements,
"	"	Wm. Slade,
Hillsboro',	"	Pride Jones,
Windsor,	"	Jos. K. Bird,
"	"	Kater Biggs.

The above list comprises all the High Priests, as far as can be at this time ascertained. Should there be any omissions, the Grand Secretary would be pleased to receive notice, to enable him to make a complete register.

Grand Chapter of North Carolina, in account with
Thomas W. Brown, Grand Treasurer.

DR.

1851, June 4th,	Fee paid Wm. A. Wright,	$4 00	
" " 12th,	Paid R. G. Rankin,	122 02	
" " "	H. W. Foy, for Tyling,	10 00	
" " "	Allowance to Treasurer,	20 00	
" July 17th,	Advertising,	2 25	
" Aug. 27th,	Do. to T. Burr, Jr.,	36 95	
" Nov. 7th,	Amount paid for Breast Plate,	70 00	
1852, April 29th,	Advertising in Raleigh Times,	2 00	
" May 27th,	Paid bill for Aprons,	30 30	
" June 8th,	Amount carried to new acc't, (bal. to G. C.)	364 03	
			$661 55

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1851, June 4th,	By am't to balance bro't forward,	$197 05	
1852, April 27th,	Am't paid on Banks' Note,	100 00	
" " "	Dispensation Chapter in Lincoln,	90 00	
" May 29th,	Dues Roanoke Chapter, No. 4,	15 00	
" June 7th,	Temple do " 6,	15 00	
" " "	Warrenton do " 9,	15 00	
" " "	Key Stone do " 19,	30 00	
" " "	Eureka do " 7,	15 00	
" " "	Raleigh do " 10,	15 00	
" " "	Union do " 17,	15 00	
" " "	Salisbury do " 20,	15 00	
" " "	Cyrus do " 21,	15 00	
" " "	Layfayette do " —,	15 00	
" " 8th,	Concord do " 1,	15 00	
" " "	Conoho do " 12,	15 00	
" " "	Oxford do " 8,	15 00	
" " "	Cherokee do " 14,	15 00	
" " "	Chorazin do " 13,	13 50	
" " "	Interest on John Banks' Note,	24 00	
" " "	Do. " Northrop's do.	12 00	
			$661 55

June 8th, 1852. THOS. W. BROWN, Treas'r.

The Finance Committee have examined the above account of the Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct.

P. W. FANNING,
A. MARTIN,
THOS. W. BROWN, } Finance Committee.

Grand Chapter of North Carolina in account with

Henry P. Russell, Grand Secretary.

1852,	To cash paid Postage,	$1 50	
	" am't handed T. W. Brown, G. Treas'r,	228 50	
			$330 00
1851, July 24th,	By Dues from Chorazin Chapter,	$15 00	
1852, April 28th, "	Dispensation Lincoln Chapter,	90 00	
" June 7th, "	Dues Temple Chapter, No. 6,	15 00	
" " " "	" Warrenton do " 9,	15 00	
" " " "	" Keystone do " 19,	30 00	
" " " "	" Eureka do " 7,	15 00	
" " " "	" Raleigh do " 10,	15 00	
" " " "	" Union do " 17,	15 00	
" " " "	" Roanoke do " 4,	15 00	
" " " "	" Salisbury do " 20,	15 00	
" " " "	" Cyrus do " 21,	15 00	
" " " "	" Lafayette do " 11,	15 00	
" " " "	" Concord do " 1,	15 00	
" " " "	" Conoho do " 12,	15 00	
" " " "	" Oxford do " 8,	15 00	
" " " "	" Cherokee do " 14,	15 00	
			$330 00

The Finance Committee have examined the above account of the Grand Secretary's and find the same correct.

P. W. FANNING,
A. MARTIN,
THOS. W. BROWN, } Finance Committee.

P. S.—Dues from Mt. Ararat Chapter, received since above acc't was closed.

List of Subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, from Returns received to 7th June, 1852.

NAME.	NO.	LOCATION.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	Exalted.	Rejections.	Withdr'w's.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Total No. of Members.
Concord,	1	Wilmington,	R. G. Rankin,	A. Paul Repiton,	5	1	0	0	0	83
Phœnix,	2	Fayetteville,	E. L. Winslow,	No Returns,						
Mt. Ararat,	3	Murfreesboro',	A. P. Yancy,	J. A. R. Darden,	7	0	0	0	0	23
Roanoke,	4	Halifax,	W. W. Daniel,	C. N. Webb,	1		1			31
Concord,	5	Tarboro',	J. S. Pender,	L. C. Pender,	5	0	0	1	0	40
Temple,	6	Windsor,	Jos. K. Bird,	P. Humeberry,	15	0	3	0	0	23
Eureka,	7	Newbern,	A. T. Jerkins,	Ed. R. Stanly,	5	0	3	0	0	30
Oxford,	8	Oxford,	Z. M. Paschall,	J. T. Littlejohn,	5	0	0	0	0	25
Warrenton,	9	Warrenton,	Wm. Burge,	L. C. Graves,	4	0	1	1	0	30
Raleigh,	10	Raleigh,	Wm. G. Hill,	W. D. Haywood,	3	0	0	1	0	35
Lafayette,	11	Hillsboro',	Pride Jones,	Jno. D. Wilber,	17	1	0	0	0	28
Conoho,	12	Hamilton,	P. P. Clements,	J. E. Short,	6	0	3	0	0	32
Chorazin,*	13	Greensboro',	C. P. Mendenhall,	Edwin Watson,	10	0	0	2	0	41
Cherokee,	14	Hertford,	J. M. Cox,	Edwin Brace,	15	0	1	1	0	18
Union,	17	Duplin,	L. R. Loftin,	C. D. Hill,	5	1	0	0	0	39
Gaston,	18	Roxboro',		No Returns,						
Keystone,	19	Plymouth,	Thos. B. Nicholls,	E. H. White,	1	0	0	0	0	27
Salisbury,	20	Salisbury,	A. H. Caldwell,	J. Ramsey,	18	0	1	0	0	63
Cyrus,	21	Milton,	No Returns,							
Lincoln,	22	Lincolnton,	U. D.							

* Received since adjournment of Grand Chapter.

Return of Chapters working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

Concord Chapter, No. 1,—Wilmington.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	R. G. Rankin,	High Priest,
"	S. D. Wallace,	King,
"	A. A. Brown,	Scribe,
Comp.	E. J. Lutterloh,	Captain of the Host,
"	Geo. Harriss,	Principal Sojourner,
"	H. P. Russell,	Royal Arch Captain
"	W. J. Price,	Master 3 Veil,
"	D. Teller,	" 2 "
"	J. B. Russell,	" 1 "
"	J. A. Taylor,	Treasurer;
"	A. Paul Repiton,	Secretary,
"	H. W. Foy,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.,
A. Martin, P. G. H. P.,
Alex. MacRae, Sr. ,P. H. P.,
Isaac Northrop, P. H. P.,
Thomas Marshall,
Thomas Cowan,
L. H. Marsteller,
D. McMillan
Alex. MacRae, Jr.,
G. R. French,
T. F. Gause,
Jno. Christian,
Rev. Wm. Closs,
Talcott Burr, Jr.,
Jno. Smith,
C. B. Morris,
E. Wolfe,
T. W. Brown,
D. E. Roberts,
Jno. D.Powers,
Rev. Wm. C. Parks,
Wm. A. Burr,
J. A. Silliman,
S. Teller,
J. B. Smith,
O. L. Fillyaw,
Rev. S. H. Brown,
T. D. Meares,
Jno. S. James,
J. Wilkinson,
W. D. Smith,
D. A. Lamont,
Robert Fenner,
A. B. Chesnut,
Treat F. Peck,
Owen Fennell,
J. R. Redman,
Thos. J. Faison,
W. W. Harriss,
E. V. Kelly,
Wm. Murphy,
C. McMillan,
Alex. Lamont,
Alfred Smith,
Wm. G. Jones,
T. C. Worth,
Wm. Huntington,
Jacob Lyon,
Wm. C. Howard,
T. F. Robeson,
Jno. Nutt,
Owen Holmes,
Jas. Burney,
R. E. Troy,
J. A. Barnes,
W. E. Freeman,
H. Hirsh,
Jno. Garwood,
J. E. Metts,
C. F. Murphy,
P. D. Trawick,
J. H. Wright,

R. Maxwell,
J. R. Beaman,
Cyrus Packard,
Joseph Green,
Jas. T. Miller,
J. J. McDugald,
W. C. Wilkings,
A. J. Howell,
J. H. Allen,

Exalted 5; Rejections 1; Withdrawals 0; Deaths 0; Suspensions 0.

Phœnix, No. 2,—Fayetteville,—No Returns.

Mt. Ararat, No. 3,—Murfreesboro'.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	A. P. Yancey,	High Priest,
"	R. F. Hart,	King,
"	J. P. Bridger,	Scribe,
Comp.	J. Baugham,	Captain of the Host,
"	F. M. Capehart,	Principal Sojourner,
"	W. H. Adkens,	R. A. Captain,
"	A. Britt,	Master 3 Veil,
"	J. Y. Beaman,	" 2 "
"	C. Vann,	" 1 "
"	F. M. Capehart,	Treasurer,
"	Jet. R. Darden,	Secretary,
"	G. D. Parker,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

D. Brown,
J. R. Rochelle,
Rev. W. P. Bretton.
Wm. J. Magett,
Chas. E. Knight,
Samuel Darden,
J. P. Lee,
E. Y. Hill,
Rev. J. Moffett,
" Q. H. Trotman,
" W. Leary,
" J. W. Webb.

Roanoke, No. 4,—Halifax.

OFFICERS.

M. E.,	William W. Daniel,	High Priest,
"	W. W. Brickell,	King,
"	G. W. Gary,	Scribe,
Comp.	A. V. Russell,	Captain of the Host.
"	T. G. Lowe,	Principal Sojourner,
"	W. E. Lane,	Royal Arch Captain,
"	J. T. Pope,	G. M. 3 Veil,
"	J. W. Heptinstall,	" 2 "
"	W. H. Underhill,	" 1 "
"	F. S. Marshall,	Treasurer,
"	C. N. Webb,	Secretary,
"	H. A. Sledge,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

C. N. Webb,
John T. Pope,
William L. Long,
Wm. W. Daniel,
Wm. H. Underhill,
A. V. Russell,
Joseph J. Anderson,
F. S. Marshall,
James R. Wilkes,
W. W, Brickell,
Herbert A. Sledge,
John W. Heptinstall,
James B. Yellowby,
Sterling H. Gee,
Benjamin Burnett,
Thaddeus Davis,
Hezekiah Lassiter,
Cary Whitaker,
A. W. Simmons,
M. C. Whitaker,
George W. Gary,
W. E. Lane,
A. G. Jones,
H. J. Macon,
T. J. Judkins,
Rev. Wm. Burge,
J. H. Moore,
James S. Snow,
James H. Parker,
L. H. Whitaker,
Rev. T. G. Lowe,
James S. Snow.

Exalted 1 ; Withdrawn 1.

Concord, No. 5,—Tarboro'.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Josiah S. Pender,	High Priest,
"	Elesa Cromwell,	King,
"	Kenneth Thigpen,	Scribe,
	Comp. William S. Long,	Captain of the Host,
"	James Mehegen,	Principal Sojourner,
"	William S. Duggin,	Royal Arch Captain,
"	William Harrell,	G. M. 3 V.
"	William H. Hines,	" 2 "
"	John Knight, Jr.,	" 1 "
"	William Norfleet,	Treasurer,
"	Louis C. Pender,	Secretary,
"	Mayo Worsley,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Benjamin M. Jackson,
D. S. Crenshaw,
Benjamin Batts,
P. S. Sugg,
Henry Bryan,
Arthur S. Mooring,
Jesse H. Drake,
Wesley Swift,
John F. Hughes,
John R. Mercer,
B. C. Watson,
William Andrews,
Lewis Bond,
W. H. Smith,
John H. Drake,
Solomon Pender,
John Mooring,
Andrew E. Gill,
William J. Armstrong,
T. C. Hearn,
James Nelson,
William F. Mercer,
Arthur Freeman,
J. G. Williams,
H. J. Clark,
L. D. Farmer,

W. G. Thomas, Redden Daughtery,
R. H. Pender.

Admitted 7; Exalted 5; Withdrawals 0; Deaths 1; Expulsions 0; Suspensions 0; Rejections 0.

Temple Chapter, No. 6,—Windsor.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Joseph R. Bird,	High Priest,
"	Benjamin J. Spruill,	King,
Comp.	Robert A. Parker,	Captain of the Host,
"	James H. Cherry,	Principal Sojourner,
"	Stork B. Smith,	R. A. Captain,
"	Burrel B. Russell,	G. M. 3 Veil,
"	Noah H. Thompson.	" 2 "
"	Etherton Wilson,	" 1 "
"	Peter Humeberry,	Secretary,
"	Jeremiah H. Bunch,	Treasurer,
"	John S. Sheppard,	Janitor,

MEMBERS.

Kaser Biggs,
Augustus Holley,
David Harrell,
Geo. W. McGlauhon,
Whitmel R. Swain,
Thomas C. Bunch,
Thomas W. Reddick,
Robert H. Smith,
Thomas H. Speller,
Saml. B. Spinell,
Patrick H. Winston,
Preston Perry,

Exaltations 13; Withdrawals 3.

Eureka, No. 7,—Newbern.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	A. T. Jerkins,	High Priest,
"	Matthew A. Outten,	King,
"	Rev. J. M. C. Breaker,	Scribe,
Comp.	A. H. Richardson,	Captain of the Host,
"	Peter Custis,	Principal Sojourner,
"	Edw'd F. Smallwood,	Royal Arch Captain,
"	Luther R. Clark,	G. M. 3 Veil,
"	Thomas R. Wilson,	" 2 "
"	O. S. Dewey,	" 1 "
"	John D. Whitford,	Treasurer,
"	Edward R. Stanly,	Secretary,
"	Rev. Jacob Utley,	Chaplain,
"	Levi Stern,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Matthew A. Outten,
William C. Hunter,
John A. Brookfield,
Thomas Sparrow,

Thomas R. Wilson,
Luther R. Clark,
Rev. William B. Wellons,
Rev. J. M. C. Breaker,
John D. Whitford,
Edward M. Montford,
Levi Stern,
E. F. Smallwood,
A. T. Jerkins,
Edward R. Stanly,
A. H. Richardson,
John Harvey, Sr.
Peter Custis,
James Hayward,
George Green,
Edward R. Coward,
O. S. Dewey,
F. B. Harrison,
Jacob Utley,
Allen Blount,
Raphael Folda,
William J. Pope,
James A. May,
Jesse Hart,
W. R. Frizzle,
Thomas Page Ricaud.

Exaltations 5; Withdrawals 3; Deaths 0.

Oxford Chapter, No. 8,—Oxford.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Z. M. Paschall,	High Priest,
"	D. A. Paschall,	King,
"	R. P. Taylor,	Scribe,
Comp.	Jas. E. Allen,	Captain of the Host,
"	T. O. McClanahan,	Principal Sojourner,
"	L. C. Taylor,	Royal Arch Captain,
"	A. F. Spencer,	Master 3 Veil,
"	L. A. Paschall,	" 2 "
"	Thomas H. Rainey,	" 1 "
"	Jas. T. Littlejohn,	Secretary,
"	R. W. Lassiter,	Treasurer,
"	R. J. Devin,	Chaplain,
"	William Daws,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Charles P. Allen,
L. H. Bullock,
John D. Bullock,
Wilson Bareford,
John B. Green,
E. H. Hicks,
Lyman Latham,
William McAltioner,
Thomas Miller,
William A. Philpott,
Archibald Taylor.

Exalted 5.

Warrenton Chapter, No. 9,—Warrenton.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	William Burge, dead	High Priest,
"	A. G. Jones, dead	King,
"	Thomas J. Judkins, dead	Scribe,
Comp.	John W. Fisher, dead	Captain of the Host,
"	Henry J. Macon, dead	Principal Sojourner,
"	Henry Harris, dead	Royal Arch Captain,

Comp. James H. Moore, living
" Robert Loudon, dead
" A. B. Eaton, dead
" P. J. Turnbull, dead
" L. C. Graves, dead
" T. R. Goodloe, dead

G. M. 3 Veil,
" 2 "
" 1 "
Treasurer,
Secretary,
Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Thomas J. Holt, d
William C. Crabtree, d
James Meares, d
E. C. Waddill, d
M. T. Hawkins, d
T. S. Brownlow, d
A. P. Baird, Petersburg
D. R. Fisher, d
Rev. H. Arnold, d

Rev. P. H. Joiner, +
" C. P. Jones, +
" J. J. Hines, +
" William C. Reed, d
" James Simpson, d
Samuel Snow, d
John L. Farmer, d
P. D. Powell, d
H. G. Goodloe, d

Withdrawn 1; Died 1; Admitted 1; Exalted 4.

Raleigh Chapter, No. 10,—Raleigh.

OFFICERS.

M. E. William G. Hill, High Priest,
" Charles H. Johnson, King,
" Dabny Cosby, Scribe,
Comp. John R. Harrison, Captain of the Host,
" William J. Clarke, Principal Sojourner,
" James T. Marriott, Royal Arch Captain,
" William Dallas Haywood, Secretary,
" Joseph John Biggs, Treasurer,
" Albert Johnson, G. M. 3 Veil,
" William H. High, " 2 "
" James Harris, " 1 "
" James Terrell, Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Willie W. Johnson,
James G. Jeffreys,
Alston A. Jones,
William F. Collins,
Willie D. Jones,
Joseph T. Hunter,
Thomas Young,
Thomas Jefferson Utley,
Joseph Woltering,
Eldridge Smith,
Edward Yarbrough, Sen.
Robert W. Seawell,
Daniel B. Griffin,
William Thomas Bain,
C. W. D. Hutchings,
James D. Newsom,
Joseph D. Powell,
Jefferson M. Lovejoy,
John Kane,
Rufus T. Heflin,
John O. Jeffreys,
Calvin J. Rogers,
John W. Cosby.

Exaltations 3; Rejections 0; Withdrawals 0; Death 1; Expelled 0; Suspended 0.

Lafayette, No. 11,—Hillsboro'.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Pride Jones,	High Priest,
"	Henry K. Nash,	King,
"	William Nelson,	Scribe,
Comp.	Daniel D. Phillips,	Captain of the Host,
"	Thomas Webb,	Principal Sojourner,
"	George Laws,	Royal Arch Captain,
"	Samuel D. Schoolfield,	G. M. 3 Veil,
"	Thomas Howerton,	" 2 "
"	James M. Palmer,	" 1 "
"	Joseph Allison,	Treasurer,
"	John D. Wilber,	Secretary,
"	Andrew C. Murdock,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

William W. Albea,
Joseph J. Allison,
Giles J. Allison,*
John J. Allison,
John Q. Anderson,
William F. Bason,
Gaston D. Cobb,
Alexander Dickson,
William Dickson,
Bartlett L. Durham,
John C. Douglas,
Thomas Howerton,
Pride Jones,
George Laws,
John D. Wilber,
John F. Lyon,
Antonio Di Martino,
John McCown,
William McCown,
Daniel A. Montgomery,
Andrew C. Murdock,
Henry K. Nash,
William Nelson,
James M. Palmer,
Daniel D. Phillips,
Samuel D. Schoolfield,
Edmund Strudwick,
Thomas Webb,
Joseph Woods,

Exalted 17; Rejected 1; Withdrawals 0; Expulsions 0; Suspensions 0.

* Expected to be Exalted but was prevented from attending on night appointed.

Conoho, No. 12,—Hamilton.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	P. P. Clements,	High Priest,
"	S. M. Smithwick,	King,
"	W. W. Sherrod,	Scribe,
Comp.	R. E. Weathersbee,	Captain of the Host,
"	T. L. Liddon,	Principal Sojourner,
"	John B. Whitaker,	Royal Arch Captain,
"	S. J. Williams,	G. M. 3 Veil,
"	G. L. Moore,	" 2 "
"	P. W. Yarrell,	" 1 "

Comp. S. T. Johnson,	Treasurer,
" J. E. Short,	Secretary,
" William Slade,	Chaplain.
" William Beasly,	Steward,
" W. S. Harlow,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

T. F. Ward,	K. C. Cameron,
J. H. Whitaker,	George Hobbs,
Bryant Bennett,	Jos. J. Anthony,
W. W. Sherwood,	W. T. Weathersbee,
H. S. Williams,	T. C. Davis,
J. H. Horner,	Jno. M. Matthews,
H. Budike,	John J. Cloman,
W. T. Hyman,	C. C. Hines,
F. J. Harrell,	Jos. Waldo,

Exaltations 6; Withdrawals 3.

Chorazin Chapter, No. 13,—Greensboro'.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Cyrus P. Mendendall,	High Priest,
" I. J. M. Lindsay,	King,
" William Gott,	Scribe,
Comp. Jed. H. Lindsay,	Captain of the Host.
Jonathan W. Howlett,	Royal Arch Captain,
John Hiatt,	Master 3 Veil.
Joseph A. Houston,	" 2 "
John L. Cole,	" 1 "
Joab Hiatt,	Principal Sojourner,
Orestes Smallwood,	Treasurer,
Edwin Watson,	Secretary,
Harrison J. Warren,	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

John M. Logan,	W. J. McElroy,
Robert Mitchell,	John Eady,
Peter Thurston,	J. C. Lamb,
Allen S. Andrews,	Haley Brown,
David McKnight,	Dempsey Brown,
Robert W. Denny,	Sam'l W. McKnight,
Joseph A. Weatherly,	Eli F. Watson,
William H. Reese,	John O. Holt,
B. Craven,	A. H. Boyd,
James M. Millis,	Eli O. Macy,
Shubael G. Coffin,	John D. Donnell,
N. M. Gardner,	James P. Simpson,
L. R. Gibson,	John B. Hoskins,
John B. Kingsbury,	James N. Fuller, (deceased.)
Don F. Dalton,	Washington G. Lee, do.
Johannes Kuhl,	

Exaltations 10; Rejections 0; Withdrawals 0; Deaths 2.

Cherokee Chapter, No 14.—Hertford.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Jos. M. Cox,	High Priest,
"	James V. Reed,	King,
"	Willis H. Bagley,	Scribe,
Comp.	George H. Freer,	Captain of the Host,
"	Joseph G. Granbery,	Principal Sojourner,
"	Jonathan W. Albertson	Royal Arch Captain,
"	Dempsey Barclift	G. M. 3 Veil,
"	Josiah H. White,	" 2 "
"	M. D. Hathaway,	" 1 "
"	M. O. Jordon,	Treasurer,
"	Edwin Brace,	Secretary,
"	John G. Berry,	Tyler,

MEMBERS.

Richard Felton,
Evin Forbes,
Thomas J. Palmer,
Dr. Rufus K. Speed,
M. S. Bonshell,
John A. Doll.

Exaltations 15; Rejections 0; Withdrawals 1; Deaths 1; Expulsions 0; Suspensions 0.

Union Chapter, No. 17,—Duplin.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Luther R. Loftin,	High Priest,
"	F. B. Millard,	King,
"	James Winders,	Scribe,
Comp.	Daniel Bowden,	Captain of the Host,
"	James W. Blount,	Principal Sojourner,
"	Joel Loftin,	Royal Arch Captain,
"	Samuel Loftin,	G. M. 3 Veil,
"	John B. Wright,	" 2 "
"	William F. Pollock,	" 1 "
"	Oates S. Lewis,	Treasurer,
"	C. D Hill,	Secretary,
"	D. B. Newton,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Eli W. Hines,
George W. Wallace,
James M. McDuffie,
John E. Breton,
Buckner Bowden,
A. R. Hicks,
Henry Swinson,
Jesse Johnston Baker,
James G. Dickson,
B. C. Bowden,
David Wright,
Thomas Wright,
William Caraway,
Thomas J. Hudson,
Exum L. Powell,
Hanson F. Murphy,
Joseph J. Ward,
William H. S. Sykes,
A. Guy,
John Caraway,
Everett Peterson,
Henry W. Faison,

Joseph R. Hatch,
Louis F. Carr,
Edward W. Fonville,
R. L. Wooten,
James M. Hines.

Exalted 5; Suspended 0; Expelled 0; Rejected 1.

Gaston, No. 18,—Roxboro',—No Returns.

Key Stone Chapter, No. 19,—Plymouth.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Thomas B. Nicholls,	High Priest,
"	John McC. Boyle,	King,
"	Thomas E. Pender,	Scribe,
Comp.	Joseph Ramsey,	Captain of the Host,
"	H. A. Gilliam,	Principal Sojourner,
"	F. F. Fagan,	Royal Arch Captain,
"	William Bagley,	G. M. 3 Veil,
"	Isaac Kelly,	" 2 "
"	James Magee,	" 1 "
"	Warren W. Ward,	Treasurer,
"	E. H. White,	Secretary,
"	Silas Murray,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John Brown,
Samuel T. Gaylord,
Joseph A. Spruill,
Edgar Hanks,
Rev. Joel W. Tucker,
John F. Phelps,
James W. Sikes,
A. Winchell.
William W. Ward,
George W. Styron,
Henry B. Short,
Thomas S. White,
John A. Warrock,
George W. Pierce,
Rev. William H. Bobbitt,

Exaltations 1; Rejections 0; Admitted 1; Withdrawals 0; Deaths 0.

Salisbury Chapter, No. 20,—Salisbury.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	A. H. Caldwell,	High Priest,
"		King,
"	D. A. Davis,	Scribe,
Comp.	Hand James,	Captain of the Host,
"	Luke Blackmer,	Principal Sojourner,
"	John W. Coffin,	Royal Arch Captain,
"	Julius Ramsey,	Secretary, pro tem.
"	Joseph F. Chambers,	Treasurer,
"	Charles L. Partee,	G. M. 3 Veil,
"	John Kelly,	" 2 "
"	James A. Johnson,	" 1 "
"	Obadiah Woodson,	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

Ezekiel Myers,
Daniel Coleman,
Joseph A. Worth,
Henry C. Simonton,
David W. Honeycutt,
James Pascoe,
Thales McDonald,
Myer Myers,
John J. Shaw,
A. D. Montgomery,
Robert Burns,
J. G. Ramsey,
A. M. Booe,
Braxton Bailey,
Preston W. Wooley,
Thomas Trotter,
William Hunter,
Jehu Hanks,
David D. Salmon,
Samuel Taylor,
Purcel Thompson,
John W. Ellis,
George Riley,
Alex. Springs,
Baxter Clegg,
J. J. Bryan,
F. M. Ross,
Turner Pinckston,
N. P. Alsabrook,
Archibald Honeycutt,
George M. Makepeace,
Robert S. Young,
George W. Ferabee,
James A. Caldwell,
J. H. Montgomery,
J. T. Alexander,
C. J. Cochrane,
James Morphus,
J. D. Ramsey,
Clarkson Coffin,
Samuel Rose,
G. W. Johnson,
John Gray Bynum,
H. R. Austin,
John Taylor,
E. S. Barrett,
Calvin W. Wooley,
J. O. Ross,
A. A. Richardson,
M. Richwine,
Charles Lippard,
Samuel H. Christian.

Exaltations 18; Rejections 0; Withdrawals 1; Deaths 0; Expulsions 0.

FORM OF RETURNS FOR A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER.

Return of Chapter, No. , working under jurisdiction of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.

Regular meetings held on

OFFICERS.

MEMBERS.	MEMBERS.

Exaltations.	Rejections.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Suspensions	Total No. of Mem'rs.

Form of Proxy for the High Priest, King or Scribe of a Subordinate Chapter.

I, A. B., (High Priest, King or Scribe,) of Chapter, No. , constitute Companion C. D., my proxy to represent me at the next Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina, to be held in Wilmington, on the day of in the year of A.·. I. 238 A.·. D. 185

Witness my hand and seal this day of A.·. D. 185

[SEAL.]

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

REVISED AND ADOPTED JUNE, 1851.

ARTICLE 1. This Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of the following officers, viz: Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal, Grand Tyler, together with the Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes, and of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes for the time being of the several Chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter. All of whom shall be entitled to a vote, except the Grand Tyler.—*Provided*, that when any Past Grand officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Chapter, his membership in this Grand Chapter shall cease.

ARTICLE 2. The regular Communications of this Grand Chapter shall be held at Wilmington, N. C., on the first Monday in June, in each year. And in case of the absence of the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King or Grand Scribe, or either of them shall preside, taking precedence according to rank; in the absence of all the above named officers, then the oldest Past Grand officer of those grades present, and if there be none of the Past Grand officers of the rank above named present, then the High Priest of the oldest Subordinate Chapter present, shall have power to preside, and the Representatives of three Subordinate Chapters shall constitute a quorum. And if on the day of meeting there be not a quorum present, the Presiding officer may adjourn the Grand Chapter from day to day, until the close of the fourth day, when if no quorum be present, the meeting shall be adjourned until the next Annual meeting, unless sooner or especially convened.

ARTICLE 3. The officers of this Grand Chapter shall be chosen at each regular Annual Communication for the term of one year. But should the Annual Communication not be held at the stated time, they shall hold their offices until others are chosen. And the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests respectively, for the time being, shall have power to call special meetings whenever they shall deem it ex-

pedient, of which all the Subordinate Chapters shall be duly notified.

Article 4. All questions before this Grand Chapter shall be determined by a majority of votes cast.

Article 5. The constitutional officers of this Grand Chapter shall be elected by ballot, except the Grand Lecturer and Grand Tyler, who shall be respectively appointed by the Grand High Priest, all of whom if present, shall be duly Installed into their respective offices before the closing of the Grand Communication. And if any officer be absent at the time of his election or appointment, he shall be immediately notified by the acting Grand Secretary, with a request that he signify his acceptance or refusal of the office, within thirty days. And should any officer so notified, decline serving, or neglect to give notice within the specified time, then such office shall be deemed vacant, and be filled by the appointment of the Grand High Priest, or in case of his death, absence, or inability, by the Deputy Grand High Priest, and all other vacancies of offices by death or otherwise, may be filled as above.

Article 6. None but a regular Royal Arch Mason, holding membership in a Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be admitted to a seat in this Grand Chapter as proxy, nor shall he represent more than three members at the same Communication. And all persons acting in that capacity must be furnished with credentials by the members so represented.

Article 7. The Grand Lecturer shall be furnished with a commission by the Grand High Priest, under the seal of the Grand Chapter, attested by the Grand Secretary, which commission shall remain in force until the next Annual Communication succeeding his appointment, unless revoked by the Grand High Priest. And it shall be his duty at the request of any Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction, to visit such Chapter, and instruct them in the work lectures, and all things appertaining to the government of a Chapter, and the interest of Royal Arch Masonry. And the Chapter so employing him, shall make him such compensation as shall be agreed upon by the parties. He shall keep a record of his proceedings, and report the same to the Grand High Priest when required, and to the Grand Chapter, at its Annual Communication; and shall make no alterations in the work or lectures adopted by this Grand Chapter.

Article 8. A Committee of Three shall be appointed at each Annual Communication, immediately after the Installation of the Grand officers, to be styled the Committee of Finance, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit all bills presented against the Grand Chapter, together with the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and report at the Annual Communication immediately succeeding their appointment, and previous to the election of officers. They shall also have power to invest from time to time any funds belonging to this Grand Chapter.

Article 9. This Grand Chapter, at every Communication, shall be opened in solemn form previous to the transaction of any business.

Article 10. The members of, and Representatives to this Grand Chapter, must appear properly clothed with the badges of a Royal Arch Mason.

Article 11. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall have their Books ready for examination at the commencement of each Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter; and for their services shall receive such compensation as this Grand Chapter may approve.

Article 12. Every petition to this Grand Chapter for a Warrant to open a new Royal Arch Chapter, must be signed by at least Nine Regular Royal Arch Masons within this jurisdiction, and accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter within the State nearest the contemplated location of the new Chapter, vouching for the moral character and Masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending that a warrant be granted them. And the Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priest upon the receipt of such petition, if approved, shall grant his Dispensation for the same, to remain in force until the first Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter, thereafter, when said Chapter shall petition for a Charter, unless for satisfactory reasons the warrant shall be continued until the succeeding Annual Communication, at which time application shall be made for a Charter, otherwise said warrant shall be revoked.

Article 13. The fees for a Warrant for opening and holding a Royal Arch Chapter shall be Ninety Dollars, of which the Grand Secretary shall receive Ten Dollars for his services in furnishing the same, and no warrant shall be granted until the fees are paid. And when any Charter shall be granted to the Chapter having received such Warrant, the Fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same. But if a Charter be not granted, and said Warrant be withdrawn, then the fee shall be returned to the petitioners, excepting only such part thereof as may have been expended by means of their application.

Article 14. The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall pay for the support thereof, into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, annually, the sum of Fifteen Dollars. *Provided*, that Chapters working under a Warrant shall pay nothing for the time they shall have held such Warrant. But in case of extension of the time of application for a Charter, in which case they shall pay the regular Fees of a Chapter under Charter, for the time so extended, and no Chapter in arrears shall have a vote in this Grand Chapter.

Article 15. No Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall change its location, except with the concurrence of this Grand Chapter, upon the application of a majority of the members of such Subordinate

Chapter, recommended by the Chapter nearest the place to which it is proposed to be removed.

Article 16. Every Royal Arch Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall be represented at each Grand Convocation by their High Priest, King and Scribe, in person or by their respective proxies. And whenever the first three officers of a Subordinate Chapter, or any one of them cannot attend the Annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, or shall fail to appoint his or their proxy or proxies to represent them or their Chapter, it shall be competent for such Chapter to elect or appoint a delegate or proxy. And at the Annual Convocations they shall make return of the names of their officers and members, together with all exaltations, deaths, suspensions, expulsions and withdrawals. And if any Chapter under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble once in any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Chapter for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make returns as above, and pay its dues to this Grand Chapter, then, and in either case of delinquency, the said Chapter shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Chapter, its Charter, with its records, jewels, regalia, and furniture, together with its monetary, and all other property of every description.

Article 17. The application of every candidate for the Degrees in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant, and recommended by a member of said Chapter. And said application shall lay over at least one meeting of said Chapter for the consideration of its members, unless in cases of emergency, so deemed by a majority of the members present.—And the vote in all cases of application for the degrees or for membership, must be unanimous to admit.

Article 18. No Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall exalt any candidate to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, for a less sum than Twenty Dollars, and no candidate shall be balloted for until said fee is paid, and no note of hand shall be taken by any Chapter for such fee or any part thereof.

Article 19. No Companion having been a member of any other Chapter, shall be admitted to membership in any Chapter under this jurisdiction until he shall have paid all arrearages to the Chapter of which he was last a member.

Article 20. No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall exalt any candidate who is a resident of another State, where a Subordinate Chapter is established, without a special recommendation from the Chapter in such State nearest his place of residence, or from one of the three principal officers of the Grand Chapter of the State where he resides, and no candidate living within this jurisdiction shall receive any degree in any other than the Chapter which is nearest his place of residence, without a recommendation from said nearest Chapter.

Article 21. No Chapter or assembly of Royal Arch Masons which may hereafter be formed within this jurisdiction, shall be deemed legal without the sanction of a Warrant from this Grand Chapter; and all Masonic communication, either public or private, between any Chapter, under this jurisdiction, or any of its members, and any Chapter so illegally formed, or any person therein exalted, is hereby strictly forbidden, and a breach of any part of this article shall be punished by expulsion, or exclusion from all the benefits of this Grand Chapter.

Article 22. The High Priest, King and Scribe of any Chapter under this jurisdiction, when not able to attend the Grand Communications, shall appoint their proxy or proxies, by a commission signed with their names, with their seals affixed, which commission shall continue in force only during the year for which the said High Priest, King or Scribe was elected.

Article 23. This Grand Chapter shall have original jurisdiction over all matters of controversy which may arise between any of the Subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, or between members of different Subordinate Chapters, and appellate jurisdiction in all matters of controversy, proper for Masonic investigation, arising in any Subordinate Chapter.

Article 24. When any member of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be accused of any offence, which if proved against him, would subject him to suspension or expulsion, the proceedings in the premises shall be conducted agreable to the following rules:

1st. The accusation shall be made in writing over the signature of a Royal Arch Mason, and given in charge to the Secretary of the Chapter, who under the direction of the High Priest, shall serve or cause the accused to be served with an attested copy of the charges, ten days at least before the time appointed for the examination. *Provided*, the residence of the companion so charged shall be known, and shall be within the distance of twenty miles of the place where the Chapter is located. If the residence of the accused be at a greater distance than twenty miles, but within the State, then and in that case, a summons to appear and show cause, forwarded to him by mail or other conveyance, thirty days before the trial, shall be considered sufficient service. If the residence of the delinquent be unknown, the Chapter may proceed to examine the charges ex parte.

2d. The examination of the charges shall be had in a Chapter, specially notified and convened for the purpose; at which no visitors shall be admitted excepting as counsel or witnesses.

3d. The accused may select his own counsel, and the witnesses shall testify on their honor; hearsay evidence shall be excluded.

4th. The question, is the accused guilty or not guilty? shall be distinctly put to each member, commencing with the youngest mem-

ber. The answer shall be given standing, and in a distinct and audible manner. The Secretary shall record the same.

5th. If the verdict be suspension or expulsion, the proceedings shall be sent up at the ensuing meeting of the Grand Chapter for examination.

6th. A sentence of expulsion shall not take effect until confirmed by the Grand Chapter, but shall operate as a suspension of the delinquent.

7th. A companion feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of a Subordinate Chapter, shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Chapter, he having given due and timely notice to the Subordinate Chapter, of his intention so to appeal from its decision.

8th. Whenever this Grand Chapter shall reverse or abrogate the decision of a Subordinate Chapter, suspending or expelling a companion, and shall restore him to the benefits and privileges of Masonry, he shall not thereby be restored to membership within the body from which he was suspended or expelled, without its unanimous consent.

9th. In all respects other than those here specified, the proceedings shall be conducted agreeably to the regulations of Ancient Craft Masonry.

Article 25. No alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be made at any other than the regular Annual Communication.

Article 26. All former Constitutions and By-Laws of this Grand Chapter are hereby repealed.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

IN WILMINGTON, N. C. ON MONDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF JUNE,

A. L. 5853, A. I. 2383, A. D. 1853.

Wilmington, N. C.
1853.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

To

H. P. of *Chapter No.*

You are hereby ordered to cause the Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter to be read in your Chapter within two months after receipt.

ROBT. G. RANKIN, *G. H. P.*

Attest,

H. P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA,

BEGUN AND HELD IN THE HALL OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 1, IN WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, ON MONDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF JUNE A. L. 5853, A. I. 2383, A. D. 1853.

PRESENT.

M. E.	Rob't G. Rankin,	G. H. P.
" "	Alfred Martin,	P. G. H. P.
"	J. H. Moore,	G. K. p. t.
"	Will. Geo. Thomas,	G. S.
	P. W. Fanning,	G. M. p. t.
	Peter Custis,	G. P. S. p. t.
	Jas. H. Cherry,	G. R. A. C. p. t.
	L. R. Loftin,	G. M. 3d V. p. t.
	E. J. Lutterloh,	G. M. 2d V. p. t.
	Alex. McRae, Jr.	G. M. 1st V. p. t.
	Thos. W. Brown,	G. Treas'r.
	Henry P. Russell,	G. Sec'y.
	Hiram W. Foy,	G. Tyler.

Comp'n J. E. Metts.

The Grand Chapter opened in solemn form.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Committee:

On Credentials—Comp'ns J. H. Moore and Peter Custis.

The G. C. called from labor to refreshment till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

HENRY P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 7, 10 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. R. G. Rankin,	- -	G. H. P.
" " A. Martin,	- -	P. G. H. P.
" Z. M. Paschall,	- -	G. K. p. t.
" W. G. Thomas,	- -	G. S.
Peter Custis,	- -	G. M. p. t.
A. M. Campbell,	- -	G. P. S. p. t.
J. H. Cherry,	- -	G. R. A. C. p. t.
E. J. Lutterloh,	- -	G. M. 3d V. p. t.
W. H. Hines,	- -	G. M. 2d V. p. t.
S. H. Christian,	- -	G. M. 1st V. p. t.
Thos. W. Brown,	- -	G. Treas'r.
Henry P. Russell,	- -	G. Sec'y.
H. W. Foy,	- -	G. Tyler.

Comp'n Ezekiel Myers, D. G. H. P.; Comp'n J. H. Moore, G. Lecturer; Compn's C. W. Wooley, J. W. Albertson, L. R. Loftin, T. C. Worth, —— McMillan and J. H. Flanner.

The Committee on Credentials, through Comp'n J. H. MOORE, made the following report:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following Representatives from their respective Chapters, as properly entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

Concord,	No. 1,	- -	R. G. Rankin, H. P. I. Northrop, K. E. J. Lutterloh, S.
Phœnix,	No. 2,	- -	A. M. Campbell, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Temple,	No. 6,	- -	Jas. H. Cherry, P. for H. P.
Eureka,	No. 7,	- -	Peter Custis, H. P.
Oxford,	No. 8,	- -	Z. M. Paschall, H. P.
Warrenton,	No. 9,	- -	J. H. Moore, Delegate.
Chorazin,	No. 13,	- -	E. J. Lutterloh, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Cherokee,	No. 14,	- -	J. W. Albertson, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Union,	No. 17,	- -	L. R. Loftin, K., P. for H. P. and S.
Gaston,	No. 18,	- -	Z. M. Paschall, P. for H. P.

Keystone,	No. 19,	- -	W. H. Bobbitt, P. for H. P. P. W. Fanning, P. for S.
Salisbury,	No. 20,	- -	A. H. Waddell, H. P. and P. for K. & S.
Lincoln,	No. 22,	- -	E. Myers, P. for H. P., K. and S.

J. H. MOORE,
PETER CUSTIS,
Committee.

On motion of Comp'n J. H. Moore,

Resolved, That the reading of the Minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with, each Member being furnished with a copy.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Committees:

On Unfinished Business—James H. Cherry, L. R. Loftin and E. J. Lutterloh.

On Charters and Dispensations—A. Martin, Z. M. Paschall and A. M. Campbell.

On Returns and Proceedings of Sub Chapters—A. H. Caldwell, Thos. W. Brown and Peter Custis.

On Foreign Correspondence—J. W. Albertson, J. H. Moore, Robert Strange, Jr., Z. M. Paschall and P. W. Fanning.

The M. E. G. H. P. submitted his annual report.

The sound of the Gavel once more greets us, Companions, and we are assembled in Grand Convocation, in presence of *Him* whose aid we have just invoked, in discharging the solemn obligations imposed upon us, as by the inspiration of His wisdom we are the better enabled to perform the important duties delegated to us.

Having in my last annual communication entered fully into the various topics of interest to Royal Arch Masonry, and with the perfect prosperity and peace pervading our borders, I am left with but a brief report to submit.

Masonry flourishes not amidst excitement, and it is more with pleasure than regret that I have to report a slow but steady and enduring increase within our Jurisdiction. Four new Chapters will claim existence at our hands—three under the care and auspices of our Worthy M. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, whose report will be duly presented, and one by me to Mount Lebanon Chapter, at Wilson, in the county of Edgecombe. The fees for Dispensation are in the Grand Treasury; and I presume a regular application at this Session will be made for Charters, except in the case of Mount Lebanon Chapter, which, from the short time elapsed since the issue of the Dispensation, must necessarily continue in force until the next Convocation.

A petition for a Dispensation from the Companions of Louisburg, with the regular fee, was presented to me, but owing to a slight informality and the want of time in any event for action at this Session, I returned it, that it might be placed in due form. Enquiries as to the establishment of Chapters at other points have been made, but the Companions, with commendable caution, are desirous of an assurance of stability before asking a Dispensation; and this caution, Companions, gives us confi-

dence in the perpetual prosperity of our Order, and assures us that within our State the fires of Masonry burn freely, and that among her sons are enrolled many bright stars, adding lustre at home and becoming "bright Lights" in the distance."

Availing myself of an accidental visit to Newbern, Eureka Chapter, No. 7, was, at my request, called to labor, by M. E. A. T. Jerkins, and officially visited. Their Minutes were well and regularly kept, the Companions devoted and bright, and everything betokened an air of prosperity, pleasing to report. The Council Degrees were conferred by me on three newly exalted Companions. It would add much to the prosperity of our Order if it were possible for your Grand Officers to visit, annually, the various Subordinates. The want of facilities, however, forbid it; but this will in a few years be nearly remedied, and many of our Chapters be drawn in closer communion.

The Order of High Priesthood has claimed the attention, and excited considerable discussion in our Sister Grand Chapters, and the fact is elicited that in some States the Order is unknown, while in others an importance is attached not warranted by its history.

Masonry prides herself on her antiquity, and many esteem this Order as one of those ancient land-marks, from which it would be heresy to depart, when in truth it is but of American invention, scarce half a century in existence, claiming its paternity from Webb. The whole object of its invention seems to have been for the purpose of conferring, as an Honorary Degree, upon those whose zeal and skill in the Mystic Art have entitled them to the suffrages of their Companions, (to be conferred as a compliment,) a reward of merit, or the investing with official dignity one elected to preside.

Whence does it derive authority? It cannot from Grand Chapters, for they are composed of a majority of "Kings and Scribes," to whom the Order is as a sealed book—nor from the General Grand Chapter, for that also largely consists of those who, being also in "want of light," cannot grant rights or privileges which they as members do not possess. Deriving its authority, then, from no recognized source, it is conferred in Conventions formed by the meeting of three or more, who have received the Order, at any time or at any place, without Charter or Warrant, and communicated as are many of those Side Degrees, appended to but not of Masonry.

An error, it appears to me, has gradually crept in and been permitted, which might possibly in the future lead to evil results. I mean the existing opinion as to the *necessity* of conferring this Order upon a High Priest elect before he is installed. If this necessity does exist, the work, from the hands of one who for want of opportunity or inclination has failed to receive it, is illegal. How then can we, who have been more fortunate in our exaltation, countenance or recognize the friendly token from him, thus clandestinely made? But I am convinced that this generally received opinion is not in accordance with *ancient* masonic usage. I am aware that from this position many bright and excellent Masons dissent. On the other hand, I am sustained by those well versed in ancient laws and usages.

Entertaining these views, I cannot but think the position assumed by the Grand Chapter of Maryland on this subject is altogether untenable.

Here is presented an instance of opposing opinions and conflicting practices in Grand Chapters subordinate to the General Grand Chapter, which may with pro-

priety be adjudicated by that Grand Body at its approaching session; and I have alluded to it for the purpose of suggesting that our Delegate be instructed to solicit an expression of opinion from the head of Royal Arch Masonry as to its necessity and legitimacy.

The report of the Grand Lecturer will be duly submitted.

I cannot more fully illustrate the advance of our Grand Chapter in prosperity and distinction, than by contrasting the past with the present; and for this end, quote from the annual report of M. E. A. Martin, our first Grand High Priest, under its re-organization—"That I cannot congratulate you on any great acquisition of strength, by the increase of Subordinate Chapters, I have to regret. Still I do not feel discouraged. The reason is obvious, when we consider that for seventeen years Royal Arch Masonry in North Carolina was without a head to guide and sustain it through the long and dreary night of adversity from which it is emerging. In the largest portion of our State, her altars are still deserted, and desolation dwells in the Sanctuary of the "Sons of Light." Time and Death have done their work, and the few Companions left are scattered through the State generally at a great distance from each other—hence there are insurmountable difficulties in the way of any rapid increase in the number of Subordinate Chapters in this Jurisdiction. But the clouds by which the masonic sky has been so long overcast, are passing away, and a bright and glorious era in her history will soon succeed them."

The prediction has been verified, the difficulties have been surmounted, the night of adversity is past, and our Grand Chapter, increased in strength, is respected abroad, beloved at home, and is now in the full tide of prosperity and success. In all parts of our Jurisdiction, zeal and fidelity distinguish our Companions, and the prospect before us is bright. May it ever so continue.

It is with an overflowing heart that I return my sincere thanks for the many honors received by me from the hands of my Brethren and Companions in Masonry, not only for the unmerited confidence reposed, but for that true courtesy which has always distinguished our intercourse. To the Fraternity I am bound by every tie of gratitude, by the strength of long tried friendships, and by a long cherished love for the Order.

In conclusion, permit me to impress on you to walk steadily in the principles of Masonry; to guard it from innovation in letter or spirit; to urge you to the exercise of true masonic charity—ever remembering that, in the eyes of the world,

"We stand,
By friendship joined—a social band,
That *love*, that *aid* mankind."

And after traveling the rugged path of life, may you be permitted to pass those pleasant veils into that Heavenly Arch, where the Supreme Grand High Priest forever reigns.

ROBERT G. RANKIN, *G. H. P.*

On motion of Comp'n PASCHALL,

Resolved, That the report of the G. H. P. be received, and printed with the Proceedings of this Convocation; and also, that it be referred to a Special Committee for the disposal of its several subjects.

Committee—Comp'ns Myers, Paschall and Moore.

The D. G. H. P. submitted his report; which was, on motion, received and referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

M. E. Robert G. Rankin, *Grand High Priest*
Of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

M. E. Sir and Companions,

It becomes my duty to give you an account of my stewardship during the present year.

Lincoln Chapter, No. 22, under charter, I started to work, which, I am pleased to state, is in a prosperous condition.

Upon proper application, I granted a Dispensation for a new Chapter at Zion, Montgomery County, and appointed Calvin W. Wooley, H. P., John H. Montgomery, K., and Samuel H. Christian, S.

I also granted a Dispensation for a new Chapter at Germanton, Stokes County, by the name of Germanton—Isaac S. Gibson, H. P., William W. Steadman, K., and Don F. Dalton, Scribe—the application being in proper form.

Also, on similar application, I granted a Dispensation for a new Chapter at Asheville, Buncombe County, under the name of Asheville—Joshua Roberts, H. P., Isaac McDunn, K., James M. Blair, S. The several applications accompany this report. The fees have been remitted to you.

The two former I started to work, and I feel confident that their operations will be creditable to Royal Arch Masonry. The Dispensation for Asheville Chapter being granted within so short a time of this Convocation, I found it inconvenient to attend in person to start it to work.

Application will be made at this Convocation for Charters from Germanton and Montgomery Chapters. Application will not be made at this Grand Convocation by Asheville Chapter for a Charter. I would therefore recommend a continuation of its Dispensation until the next Grand Convocation.

A few weeks since I paid an official visit to Chorazin Chapter, No. 13, Greensborough, and am pleased to report that it is in a truly prosperous condition.

Respectfully submitted.

E. MYERS, *D. G. H. P.*

On motion of Comp'n Moore,

Resolved, That the election of officers for the ensuing year take place this evening, at 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter called off till this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

HENRY P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 4 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Present—Officers and Members as this morning.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report, that the subject of a Representative Fund, and Appropriation to Masonic College; Resolution in reference to Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, and Lectures and Charges for Installation of Grand Officers, are the only items of unfinished business of the last Convocation.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. H. CHERRY,
L. R. LOFTIN,
EDWD. J. LUTTERLOH,
Committee.

On motion of Comp'n Martin,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider the subject of the Representative Fund, referred by the General Grand Chapter to its Subordinates, and report to-morrow morning.

Committee—A. Martin, J. H. Moore and P. W. Fanning.

On motion of Comp'n T. W. Brown,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter appropriate one hundred dollars for the establishment of a Masonic College in North Carolina.

The resolution of the last Convocation relative to Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, was taken up, when, after an explanation by the Delegate from said Chapter, Comp'n Martin offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in consideration of the difficulties under which Phœnix Chapter has labored for several years past, as represented by her Delegate to this Convocation, and their consequent inability to pay the arrearages due this Grand Chapter, that said Chapter be encouraged to make additional efforts to regain the high position she once occupied among her sister Chapters, by permitting her to retain her Charter on condition of the payment of the arrearages for the last two years.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, through Comp'n A. Martin, made the following report, which was on motion received and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report:

That they have examined the Proceedings and By-Laws of Montgomery Chapter, at Zion, Montgomery County, and Germanton Chapter, Germanton, Stokes County, working under dispensation, and find them in proper form, and recommend that Charters be granted.

Montgomery Chapter has omitted to return its Dispensation, but will no doubt do so in a short time. We therefore recommend that a Charter be ordered to issue to that Chapter, and that the Delegates from the above Chapters be now admitted to seats in this Grand Chapter, as the Legal Representatives of said Chapters.

Respectfully,

A. MARTIN,
A. M. CAMPBELL,
Z. M. PASCHALL,
Committee.

The Committee on Credentials, through Comp'n Moore, made a further report:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report further the names of Comp'ns Calvin H. Wooley, H. P., and S. H. Christian, S., of Montgomery Chapter, as Legal Representatives.

J. H. MOORE,
P. CUSTIS,
Committee.

The Committee on M. E. G. H. P.'s Address made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. E. G. H. Priest, beg leave to suggest that so much of the Address as refers to the order of High Priesthood be referred to a Special Committee.

E. MYERS,
Z. M. PASCHALL,
J. H. MOORE,
Committee.

Special Committee—W. G. Thomas, A. Martin and P. W. Fanning.

The Committee on the D. G. H. Priest's Address, through Comp'n A. Martin, made the following report, which was on motion received and adopted:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Deputy Grand High Priest, beg leave to say, that they find the same in proper form, and approve fully of

all the proceedings of that Officer, as reported by him, and recommend its adoption, together with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered to our Deputy Grand High Priest for the zeal and ability displayed by him in the discharge of the duties of his Office for the past year.

Respectfully,

A. MARTIN,
A. M. CAMPBELL,
Z. M. PASCHALL,
Committee.

The Grand Lecturer submitted his Report, which was on motion received, and ordered to be spread on the Minutes.

To M. E. Robt. G. Rankin, *Grand High Priest*
Of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

M. E. Sir and Companions,

Having been honored with the appointment of Grand Lecturer for the State, at the last Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter, it was my intention to go vigorously into the work pertaining to the appointment; but circumstances over which I could not well exercise any control, prevented me in part from carrying out that intention; and not receiving any intimation from the Chapters of the State that my services were necessary, I have to report to you that I have done nothing.

I am fully convinced that a General Lecturer for the Chapters in the State might be of benefit in bringing about a uniformity of work; but at the same time I think it would be difficult to procure such Lecturer while his operations are confined to the Chapters only. Could the office of Grand Lecturer for both Chapters and Lodges be filled by the same person, it would occupy all his time, and make it worth while for him to give it his whole attention; but so long as a Lecturer has the work of the Chapters alone to perform—few in number and scattered as they are over the State—he could not be remunerated for the requisite labor of visiting and instructing them, without laying on them unreasonable burdens.

Fraternally,

JAMES H. MOORE, *G. L.*

The Grand Chapter called off till 8 o'clock, P. M.

H. P. RUSSELL, *G. S.*

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 7, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Officers and Members present as this afternoon.

Visitors—Companions T. F. Robeson, J. H. Allen, M. Cronly, Robert Strange, Jr., J. Lyon, E. V. Kelly, J. H. Flanner, —— Drury, Jos. Green, I. Northrop, P. D. G. H. P., and T. Burr, Jr.

Comp'n Rankin appointed Comp'n R. Strange, Jr. his proxy as H. P. of Concord Chapter, No. 1.

The first unfinished business being the Election of Officers for the ensuing year, the G. H. P. appointed Comp'ns Lutterloh, Campbell and Wooley as Tellers to superintend the Election, which resulted as follows:

Robert G. Rankin,	Wilmington,	G. H. P.
Ezekiel Myers,	Salisbury,	D. G. H. P.
Z. M. Paschall,	Oxford,	G. K.
A. H. Caldwell,	Salisbury,	G. S.
Thomas W. Brown,	Wilmington,	G. Treas'r.
Henry P. Russell,	"	G. Sec'y.
Peter Custis,	Newbern,	G. Marshal.

Comp'n Paschall was granted leave of absence, and appointed Comp'n T. W. Brown proxy.

Grand Chapter called off till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

H. P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 8, 10 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. R. G. Rankin,	- -	G. H. P.
" " E. Myers,	- -	D. G. H. P.
" J. W. Albertson,	- -	G. K. p. t.
" W. G. Thomas,	- -	G. S.
Peter Custis,	- -	G. M. p. t.
A. M. Campbell,	- -	G. P. S. p. t.
J. H. Cherry,	- -	G. R. A. C. p. t.
E. J. Lutterloh,	- -	G. M. 3d V. p. t.
C. W. Wooley,	- -	G. M. 2d V. p. t.
J. H. Christian,	- -	G. M. 1st V. p. t.
T. W. Brown,	- -	G. Treas'r.
H. P. Russell,	- -	G. Sec'y.
H. W. Foy,	- -	G. Tyler.

P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.; J. H. Moore, G. Lecturer; A. Martin, P. G. H. P.

Visitors—Comp'ns W. E. Freeman, Joel Loftin, J. E. Metts, T. Burr, Jr. and W. W. Harriss.

Representatives from Sub. Chapters.

Concord,	No. 1,	- -	R. Strange, Jr., P. for H. P. E. J. Lutterloh, S.
Phœnix,	No. 2,	- -	A. M. Campbell, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Temple,	No. 6,	- -	J. H. Cherrry, P. for H. P.
Eureka,	No. 7,	- -	Peter Custis, H. P.
Oxford,	No. 8,	- -	T. W. Brown, Proxy.
Warrenton,	No. 9,	- -	J. H. Moore, Delegate.
Chorazin,	No. 13,	- -	E. J. Lutterloh, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Cherokee,	No. 14,	- -	J. W. Albertson, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Keystone,	No. 19,	- -	P. W. Fanning, Proxy.
Salisbury,	No. 20,	- -	A. H. Campbell, H. P., and P. for S.
Lincoln,	No. 22,	- -	E. Myers, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Montgomery,	No. 23,	- -	C. W. Wooley, H. P. S. H. Christian, S.

The morning was consumed in exemplifying the work.

On motion of Comp'n Moore,

Resolved, That the Installation of Officers take place this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter called off till 3 o'clock, P. M.

HENRY P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, June 8, 3 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Present—Officers and Members as this morning.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through Comp'n Albertson, made the following report:

To the G. Chapter of the State of North Carolina.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, appointed by your Body, have had before them the Proceedings of the following Sister Grand Chapters, viz: Maine, R. Island, Connecticut, Vermont, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Maryland, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Georgia.

Your Committee having before them such a mass of materials as above enumerated, from which to make their report, have utterly despaired of presenting any report at all satisfactory, as to perform that work would require at least several weeks.

Your Committee, therefore, under these circumstances, ask to be discharged, or have the time for making their report extended to the next Grand Convocation.

JONA. W. ALBERTSON,
ROBERT STRANGE, Jr.
JAMES H. MOORE,
Committee.

On motion of Comp'n Custis, the Committee were allowed until the next Annual Convocation to make a full report, and the G. Secretary was instructed to hand all papers and proceedings, received by him during the recess, to the Committee.

The Committee appointed at the last Convocation to prepare a set of Lectures and Charges appropriate for the Ceremonies of Installation, made a report, which was received and adopted. (See "Ceremonies," hereto appended.)

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the Installation of Officers—M. E. P. G. H. Priest, A. Martin, presiding.

Comp'ns Paschall, Caldwell and Hines being absent, were installed by proxy.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments:

Comp'n	A. M. Campbell,	Fayetteville,	G. P. S.
"	W. H. Hines,	Edgecombe,	G. R. A. C.
"	Jonathan W. Albertson,	Hertford,	G. M. 3d V.
"	Luther R. Loftin,	Duplin,	G. M. 2d V.
"	C. W. Wooley,	Montgomery,	G. M. 1st V.
"	Rufus T. Heflin,	Chatham,	G. Chaplain.
"	Hiram W. Foy,	Wilmington,	G. Tyler.
"	J. H. Moore,	Warrenton,	G. Lecturer.

Committee on Finance—Comp'ns P. W. Fanning, Alfred Martin and Thos. W. Brown.

The Committee on Finance, through Comp'n Brown, made the following report, which was on motion received and adopted:

The Committee of Finance have examined the Books of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct and in proper form.

Agreeably to the annexed statement, the balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer last year was - - -	364 03
Four Dispensations, - - - - -	360 00
Dues from Subordinate Chapters, - - -	300 00
Interest on note of $200, - - - -	12 00
	1036 03
Disbursements on proper vouchers, - - -	197 20
	838 83
In addition to this there are two notes drawing interest, one for $200, and one for $400, with 1 year's interest due, making in all on $400,	624 00
	$1462 83

The following Chapters are in arrears:

Roanoke	Chapter,	No. 4,	- - - 15 00	
Gaston	"	No. 18,	- - - 45 00	
Cyrus	"	No. 21,	- - - 15 00	
Ararat	"	No. 3,	- - - 15 00	
				$90 00

It appears that Concord Chapter, No. 1, is in advance of its dues $15.

THOS. W. BROWN,
A. MARTIN,
P. W. FANNING,
Committee.

The Special Committee appointed on that portion of the M. E. G. H. P.'s Address, relating to the degree of High Priesthood, through Comp'n A. Martin, made the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Grand High Priest as refers to the order of High Priest, beg leave to report, that having duly considered the subject, we concur in the views of the Grand High Priest. The degree of High Priest is evidently not a constitutional one; and the most that can be said in regard to the necessity of it is, that in most of the modern Charts and Monitors of this country it is *recommended* as a degree that should be in the possession of the Presiding Officer of every Royal Arch Chapter. Now, if we admit that no one can be legally empowered to act as the High Priest of a Chapter until he has received this degree, what would be the position of most of the Chapters throughout the length and breadth of our land. There are hundreds of High Priests elect that could not, by any reasonable effort or at any justifiable sacrifice of personal exertion and pecuniary interests, obtain this degree; and if we admit that it is his duty to make such sacrifices, is there any authority that can compel those to whom he may apply, to assemble in convention for that purpose; or, having assembled, is there any means of compelling them to confer the degree sought by the applicant? We are clearly of the opinion that there is no such authority. Notwithstanding the many difficulties, however, that might, and in many instances do, attend the High Priest elect in obtaining this degree, if it can be shown that it is part and parcel of Royal Arch Masonry, according to the original system, we should insist upon the General Grand Chapter taking it under constitutional authority, under some such regulation as would facilitate the procuring of it by those who are entitled to it. As we do not however look upon it as good Masonry, we are unwilling that the Institution should be trammeled with it. The want of time precludes the possibility of our entering fully into the discussion of this subject; and with these brief arguments, we beg to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter does not consider it imperative upon a High Priest elect to obtain the degree of High Priest before he is qualified to preside, and that our Delegate to the General Grand Chapter be instructed to bring the matter to the attention of that Body for its discussion.

Comp'n Fanning dissented.

Respectfully,

A. MARTIN,
W. G. THOMAS,
Committee.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters, through Comp'n Brown, made the following report, which was on motion received and adopted:

The Committee on Proceedings and Returns beg leave to report, that they have examined the several returns of the following Chapters, and find them correct:

Temple	Chapter,	No. 6.	Cherokee	Chapter,	No. 14.
Eureka	"	No. 7.	Union	"	No. 17.
Oxford	"	No. 8.	Keystone	"	No. 19.
Raleigh	"	No. 10.	Salisbury	"	No. 20.
Lafayette	"	No. 11.	Lincoln	"	No. 22.
Conoho	"	No. 12.	Phœnix	"	No. 2.
Chorazin	"	No. 13.			

Your Committee regret to say that there have been no returns made from the following Chapters; and although the Committee appointed at the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter, expressed themselves warmly on this subject, the delinquency is greater this year than the last.

The following are the Chapters that have made no returns:

Mt. Ararat,	No. 3.	Concord,	No. 1.
Roanoke,	No. 4.	Cyrus,	No. 21.
Concord,	No. 5.	Gaston,	No. 18.
Warrenton,	No. 9.		

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. W. BROWN,
PETER CUSTIS,
A. H. CALDWELL,
Committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and Concord Chapter, No. 1, for the use of their Hall and for the friendly manner in which they have entertained us during the present Grand Convocation.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the "Representative Fund," proposed by the General Grand Chapter, through Comp'n Martin, made the following report, which on motion was received and adopted:

The Committee on the subject of a Representative Fund beg leave to make the following report:

We have given the matter some consideration, and after balancing the reasons urged for and against the proposed measure, are of opinion that this Grand Chapter ought not, at least for the present, to accede to the proposition.

One reason among others that have operated on our minds to bring about this conclusion, is, that in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter there is no restriction to the number of proxies that may be held by one officer of that body; consequently, one officer may hold an indefinite number of proxies, draw the mileage and per diem allowance of each, and thus the fund be diverted from the purpose intended.

We might adduce other reasons for the course we recommend, but forbear at this time doing so, preferring what we think would be a better course, to leave it for the future action of this Body, when there may be more light presented on the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

Comp'n A. M. Campbell was granted leave of absence, and appointed Comp'n T. Burr, Jr. his proxy.

The Grand Chapter called off till to-morrow evening, 8 o'clock.

HENRY P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 9, 8 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. R. G. Rankin,	- -	G. H. P.
" P. W. Fanning,	- -	P. G. H. P.
" A. Martin,	- -	G. K. p. t.
" A. H. Caldwell,	- -	G. S.
Peter Custis,	- -	G. M.
J. H. Moore,	- -	G. P. S. p. t.
J. H. Cherry,	- -	G. R. A. C. p. t.
J. W. Albertson,	- -	G. M. 3d V.
J. Lyon,	- -	G. M. 2d V. p. t.
M. McInnis,	- -	G. M. 1st V. p. t.
T. W. Brown,	- -	G. Treas'r.
H. P. Russell,	- -	G. Sec'ry.
H. W. Foy,	- -	G. Tyler.

Visitor—D. Teller.

Representatives of Subordinate Chapters.

Phœnix,	No. 2,	- -	T. Burr, Jr., Proxy.
Temple,	No. 6,	- -	J. H. Cherry, Proxy for K.
Eureka,	No. 7,	- -	Peter Custis, H. P.
Oxford,	No. 8,	- -	T. W. Brown, Proxy.
Warrenton,	No. 9,	- -	J. H. Moore, Delegate.
Cherokee,	No. 14,	- -	J. W. Albertson, Proxy.
Keystone,	No. 19,	- -	P. W. Fanning, Proxy.
Salisbury,	No. 20,	- -	A. H. Caldwell, H. P., and P. for S.
Lincoln,	No. 22,	- -	E. Myers, P. for H. P., K. and S.

Comp'n J. H. Moore offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Comp'n T. Burr, Jr., was postponed till the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter:

Resolved, That the Subordinate Chapters, under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, be and they are hereby required to use Moore's Masonic Trestle Board in their Work.

On motion of Comp'n Myers,

Resolved, That 300 copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Convocation be printed, and the expense thereof be paid out of the funds of this G. C.

On motion of Comp'n Moore,

Resolved, That the Dispensation granted Asheville Chapter be continued until our next Annual Convocation.

On motion of Comp'n Myers,

Resolved, That $30 be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter to the Grand Treasurer, and $50 to the G. Secretary, and also $15 to the Grand Tyler, for their services during the present Convocation.

On motion of Comp'n Burr,

Resolved, That the M. E. G. H. Priest be instructed to procure an act of incorporation for this Grand Chapter as soon as practicable.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter closed in "solemn form," to meet again on the first Monday in June A. L. 5854, A. I. 2384, A. D. 1854.

HENRY P. RUSSELL,
Grand Secretary.

WILMINGTON, N. C.
JUNE 8, 1853.

A Convention of High Priests assembled in St. John's Hall.

PRESENT.

M. E. Alfred Martin, President.
" " P. W. Fanning, M. of C.
" " Robert G. Rankin, Conductor.
" " E. Myers, Recorder.
" " L. R. Loftin.

Ex Companion Peter Custis, High Priest elect of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, Ex Companion Jonathan W. Albertson, High Priest elect of Cherokee Chapter, No. 14, and Ex Companion Calvin W. Wooley, High Priest elect of Montgomery Chapter, No. , presented certificates of their election as High Priests of their respective Chapters, and were consecrated High Priests of the Order of Melchisedek, in solemn form.

E. MYERS, *Recorder.*

A LIST OF HIGH PRIESTS

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

M. E.	Jas. F. McRee,	*Wilmington.*
"	Alex. McRae,	*Do.*
"	P. W. Fanning,	*Do.*
"	Alfred Martin,	*Do.*
"	Isaac Northrop,	*Do.*
"	D. McMillan,	*Do.*
"	R. G. Rankin,	*Do.*
"	Wm. G. Hill,	*Raleigh.*
"	E. B. Freeman,	*Do.*
"	John W. Cosby,	*Do.*
"	E. Myers,	*Salisbury.*
"	A. H. Caldwell,	*Do.*
"	C. H. Jordan,	*Roxborough.*
"	Robert Strange,	*Fayetteville.*
"	John McRae,	*Do.*
"	E. L. Winslow,	*Do.*
"	L. R. Loftin,	*Duplin.*
"	Eli W. Hines,	*Do.*
M. E.	J. S. Pender,	*Tarborough.*
"	W. G. Thomas,	*Do.*
"	Lewis Bond,	*Do.*
"	W. W. Daniel,	*Halifax.*
"	C. N. Webb,	*Do.*
"	Z. M. Paschall,	*Oxford.*
"	Wm. Burge,	*Warrenton.*
"	A. P. Yancey,	*Murfreesborough.*
"	F. M. Capehart,	*Do.*
"	A. T. Jerkins,	*Newbern.*
"	T. B. Nicholls,	*Plymouth.*
"	Jos. M. Cox,	*Hertford.*
"	P. P. Clements,	*Hamilton.*
"	Wm. Slade,	*Do.*
"	Pride Jones,	*Hillsborough.*
"	Jos. K. Bird,	*Windsor.*
"	Kater Biggs,	*Do.*

The above List comprises all the High Priests, as far as can be at this time ascertained. Should there be any omissions, the Grand Secretary would be pleased to receive notice, to enable him to make a complete Register.

Grand R. A. Chapter of North Carolina,

In account with T. W. Brown, *Grand Treasurer.*

1852.			
June 10,	To Advertising in Warrenton News,	- -	2 00
11,	Appropriation for Grand Secretary,	- -	50 00
	Freight by Express, -	- -	1 95
	Wilkinson & Esler's bill, -	- -	6 00
	Advertising in Hillsborough Recorder,	- -	2 00
	Wilmington Herald, for Printing,	- -	54 75
	Comp'n Stevenson, Grand Lecturer,	- -	36 00
	H. W. Foy, - -	- -	12 00
	Appropriation for Grand Treasurer,	- -	30 00
	Commercial, for Advertising, -	- -	2 50
	Amount to balance, -	- -	838 83
			$1036 06
1853.			
June 10,	By Balance in Treasury at this time,	- -	364 03
	By Dues received from Mt. Ararat,	- -	15 00
6,	" " " Chorazin Chapter,	No. 13, -	15 00
	" " " Concord "	No. 5, -	15 00
	" " " Conoho "	No. 12, -	15 00
	Dispensation for Lebanon Chapter,	-	90 00
	Do. for Germanton Chapter,	-	90 00
	By Dues received from Keystone Chapter,	No. 19, -	15 00
	" " " Union "	No. 17, -	15 00
	" " " Ureka "	No. 7, -	15 00
	" " " Temple "	No. 6, -	15 00
	" " " Lafayette "	No. 11, -	15 00
	" " " Raleigh "	No. 10, -	15 00
	" " " Oxford "	No. 8, -	15 00
	" " " Gaston "	No. 18, -	15 00
	" " " Salisbury "	No. 20, -	15 00
	" " " Chorazin "	No. 13, -	15 00
	" " " Lincoln "	No. 22, -	15 00
	" " " Cherokee "	No, 14, -	15 00
	" " " Concord "	No. 1, -	15 00
	Dispensation for Montgomery,	-	90 00
	By Dues received from Warrenton Chapter,	No. 9, -	15 00
	Dispensation for Asheville,	-	90 00
	Amount from Phœnix Chapter,	No. 2, -	30 00
	Interest on Northrop's note, -	- -	12 00
			$1036 06
	Balance brought down,	- -	$838 83

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina,

In account with HENRY P. RUSSELL, *Grand Secretary.*

1852.		
June 9,	By dues from Mt. Ararat Chapter, No. 3, - -	15 00
22,	" " Chorazin " No. 13, - -	15 00
	" " Concord " No. 5, - -	15 00
1853.		
May 30,	By dues from Conoho " No. 12, - -	15 00
31,	" dispensation Montgomery Chapter, - -	90 00
June 4,	" " Germanton " - -	90 00
6,	By dues from the following Chapters: Keystone, No. 19; Union, No. 17; Eureka, No. 7; Temple, No. 6; Warrenton, No. 9; Lafayette, No. 11; Raleigh, No. 10; Gaston, No. 18; Oxford, No. 8; Salisbury, No. 20; Chorazin, No. 13; Lincoln, No. 22; Cherokee, No. 14; Concord, No. 1, - - - - -	210 00
	Dispensation from Mt. Lebanon Chapter, - -	90 00
	Do. Asheville " - -	90 00
	Dues from Phœnix " No. 2, - -	30 00
		$660 00
To amount paid T. W. Brown, Grand Treasurer, as per receipts,		$660 00

HENRY P. RUSSELL,
Grand Secretary.

June 7th, 1853.

List of Subordinate Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, from Returns received to 7th June 1853.

NAME.	No.	LOCATION.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	Exaltations.	Rejections.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Total number of Members.
Concord,	1	Wilmington,	R. G. Rankin,	N. T. Harriss,	7	–	1	1	–	85
Phœnix,	2	Fayetteville,	E. L. Winslow,	A. M. Campbell.						
Mt. Ararat,	3	Murfreesborough,	A. P. Yancy,	J. A. R. Darden.						
Roanoke,	4	Halifax,	W. W. Daniel,	C. N. Webb.						
Concord,	5	Tarborough,	J. S. Pender,	L. C. Pender,	–	–	1	1	–	40
Temple,	6	Windsor,	Jas. W. Hoskins,	P. Henneberry,	–	–	3	–	–	19
Eureka,	7	Newbern,	Peter Custis,	Chas. S. Allen,	8	1	3	1	1	35
Oxford,	8	Oxford,	Z. M. Paschall,	J. T. Littlejohn,	5	–	–	1	–	27
Warrenton,	9	Warrenton,	Wm. Burge,	L. C. Graves.						
Raleigh,	10	Raleigh,	Wm. G. Hill,	W. D. Haywood,	–	–	1	–	–	36
Lafayette,	11	Hillsborough,	Pride Jones,	D. A. Montgomery,	3	–	–	–	–	26
Conoho,	12	Hamilton,	P. P. Clements,	J. J. Anthony,	2	–	1	1	1	27
Chorazin,	13	Greensborough,	C. P. Mendenhall,	Edwin Watson,	18	–	9	2	–	62
Cherokee,	14	Hertford,	J. M. Cox,	Edwin Brace,	4	1	–	–	–	21
Union,	17	Duplin,	Jas. W. Blount,	C. D. Hill,	7	3	–	–	–	41
Gaston,	18	Roxborough,	C. H. Jordan,	B. M. Williams,	–	–	–	–	–	12
Keystone,*	19	Plymouth,	Jos. Ramsey,	H. B. Short,	5	–	1	1	1	30
Salisbury,	20	Salisbury,	A. H. Caldwell,	J. D. Ramsey,	2	–	11	–	–	53
Cyrus,	21	Milton,	- - -	No returns.						
Lincoln,	22	Lincolnton,	Jas. A. Caldwell,	D. A. Jenkins,	18	–	–	1	–	19
Montgomery,	23	Montgomery,	- - -	No returns.						
Germauton,	24	Stokes,	- - -	"						
Asheville,	25	Buncombe,	- - -	U. D.						
Mt. Lebanon,	26	Edgecombe,	- - -	"						

* Admitted, one.

RETURN OF CHAPTERS

WORKING UNDER THE

Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. I—WILMINGTON.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Robert G. Rankin,	- -	H. P.
"	Isaac Northrop,	- -	K.
"	E. J. Lutterloh,	- -	S.
Comp.	Richd. Morris,	- -	C. H.
"	Henry P. Russell,	- -	P. S.
"	M. McInnis,	- -	R. A. C.
"	D. Teller,	- -	M. 3d Veil.
"	A. J. Howell,	- -	M. 2d "
"	T. C. Worth,	- -	M. 1st "
"	Jno. A. Taylor,	- -	Treasurer.
"	N. T. Harriss,	- -	Secretary.
"	H. W. Foy,	- -	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.
A. Martin, P. G. H. P.
Alex. MacRae, Sr., P. H. P.
Isaac Northrop, P. H. P.
Thomas Marshall,
Thomas Cowan,
L. H. Marsteller,
D. McMillan, P. H. P.
Alex. MacRae, Jr.
Treat F. Peck,
Owen Fennell,
Thos. J. Faison,
W. W. Harriss,
E. V. Kelly,
Wm. Murphy,
C. McMillan,
Alex. Lamont,
Alfred Smith,

G. R. French,
T. F. Gause,
Jno. Christian,
Wm. Closs,
Talcott Burr, Jr.
Jno. Smith,
E. Wolfe,
T. W. Brown,
D. E. Roberts,
Jno. D. Powers,
Wm. C. Parks,
Wm. A. Burr,
J. A. Silliman,
J. B. Smith,
O. L. Fillyaw,
S. H. Brown,
T. D. Meares,
Jno. S. James,
J. Wilkinson,
W. D. Smith,
S. Teller,
R. Maxwell,
J. R. Beaman,
Cyrus Packard,
Joseph Green,
Jas. T. Miller,
D. A. Lamont,
Robert Fenner,
A. B. Chesnut,
Wm. G. Jones,
Wm. Huntington,
Jacob Lyon,
Wm. C. Howard,
T. F. Robeson,
Jno. Nutt,
Owen Holmes,
Jas. Burney,
R. E. Troy,
J. A. Barnes,
W. E. Freeman,
H. Hirsh,
Jno. Garwood,
J. E. Metts,
C. F. Murphy,
P. D. Trawick,
J. H. Wright,
J. R. Redman,
J. J. McDugald,
W. C. Wilkings,
J. H. Allen,
A. A. Brown,
Geo. Harriss,
J. H. Flanner,
M. C. Turrentine,
J. B. Price,
James Snow,
Saml. Langdon,
J. Mathis.

Seven exaltations; no rejections; one withdrawal; one death; no expulsions; no suspensions.

PHOŒNIX CHAPTER, No. II—FAYETTEVILLE.

OFFICERS.

Comp.	E. L. Winslow,	- -	High Priest.
"	J. W. Sandford,	- -	King.
"	Joseph Arey,	- -	Scribe.
"	C. E. McIver,	- -	C. H.
"	A. M. Campbell,	- -	P. S.
"	T. Waddill,	- -	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	E. Glover,	- -	" 2d "
"	S. G. Smith,	- -	" 1st "
"	J. Blake,	- -	R. A. C.
"	J. B. Walton,	- -	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

J. D. Williams,	Daniel Baker,
W. Prior,	J. A. McLauchlin,
J. C. Moore,	John McRae.

MT. ARARAT CHAPTER, No. III—MURFREESBOROUGH.

No Returns.

ROANOKE CHAPTER, No. IV—HALIFAX.

No Returns.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. V—TARBOROUGH.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Josiah S. Pender,	High Priest.
"	Elisha Cromwell,	King.
"	Kenneth Thigpen,	Scribe.
Comp.	William S. Long,	Captain of the Host.
"	James Mehegen,	Principal Sojourner.
"	William S. Duggin,	Royal Arch Captain.
"	William Harrell,	Grand Master, 3d Veil.
"	William Hines,	" " 2d "
"	John Knight,	" " 1st "
"	William Norfleet,	Treasurer.
"	Louis C. Pender,	Secretary.
"	Mayo Worsley,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Benjamin M. Jackson,
Daniel S. Crenshaw,
Benjamin Batts,
P. S. Sugg,
Henry Bryan,
Arthur S. Mooring,
Jesse H. Drake,
Westley Swift,
John F. Hughes,
John R. Mercer,
B. C. Watson,
Redden Daughtery,
Arthur Freeman,
Henry T. Clark,
William Andrews,
Lewis Bond,
R. H. Pender,
W. H. Smith,
John H. Drake,
John Mooring,
Andrew E. Gill,
William J. Armstrong,
Theodore C. Hearn,
James Nelson,
William F. Mercer,
John G. Williams,
L. S. Dunn.

No exaltations; no rejections; one withdrawal; one death; no expulsions; no suspensions.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. VI—WINDSOR.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	James W. Haskins, -	High Ptiest.
"	Benjamin J. Spruill, -	King.
"	Robert H. Smith, - -	Scribe.
Comp.	Robert A. Parker, - -	Capt. of Host.
"	James H. Cherry, - -	Principal Sojourner.
"	Geo. W. McGlauhon, -	R. A. Capt.
"	David Harrell, - -	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	B. B. Russell, - -	" 2d "
"	Noah H. Thompson, -	" 1st "
"	Whitmel R. Swain, -	Treasurer.
"	Peter Henneberry, -	Secretary.

MEMBERS.

Kader Biggs,	Thos. H. Speller,
J. H. Bunch,	Sam'l B. Spinell,
Augustus Holley,	P. H. Winston,
Thos. W. Reddick,	Etherton Wilson.

Two withdrawals.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. VII—NEWBERN.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Peter Custis,	High Priest.
"	George Green,	King.
"	Matthew A. Outten,	Scribe.
Comp.	Edward R. Stanley,	C. H.
"	John D. Whitford,	P. S.
"	John Harvey,	R. A. C.
"	John D. Flanner,	G. M. 3d V.
"	Luther R. Clark,	" 2d "
"	John A. Brookfield,	" 1st "
"	Edw'd F. Smallwood,	Treasurer.
"	Charles S. Allen,	Secretary.
"	T. Page Ricaud,	Chaplain.
"	Wm. H. Jones,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

A. T. Jerkins,
Edw'd M. Montford,
Wm. C. Hunter,
Jacob Utley,
James Hayward,
Allen Blount,
William J. Pope,
Jesse Hart,
Francis Meritt,
Joseph Whitty,
David Marshall,
Thos. R. Wilson,
Wm. B. Wellons,
Edward R. Coward,
Oliver S. Dewey,
F. B. Harrison,
James A. May,
W. R. Frizzle,
A. J. Murill,
O. S. Griffin,
F. S. Humphry.

Eight exaltations; one rejection; three withdrawals; one death; one expulsion; no suspensions.

OXFORD CHAPTER, No. VIII—OXFORD.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Z. M. Paschall,	H. P.
E.	T. O. McClanahan,	K.
"	Jas. T. Littlejohn,	S.
Comp.	L. C. Taylor,	C. H.
"	Wm. A. Philpott,	P. S.
"	A. F. Spencer,	R. A. C.
"	Thos. H. Rainey,	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	L. Latham,	" 2d "
"	W. Bareford,	" 1st "
"	Jas. T. Littlejohn,	Secretary.
"	R. W. Lassiter,	Treasurer.
"	R. J. Devin,	Chaplain.
"	William Daws,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

James E. Allen,
Leonard H. Bullock,
John D. Bullock,
R. J. Devin,
William Daws,
Wm. T. Ezell,
John B. Green,
Edward H. Hicks,
Taze'll L. Hargrove,
Lyman Latham,
Robert W. Lassiter,
Jas. T. Littlejohn,
T. O. McClanahan,
Thomas Miller,
Zebulon M. Paschall,
Dan'l A. Paschall,
Lunsford A. Paschall,
Wm. A. Philpott,
Arch'd Taylor,
George Wortham,
Sam'l F. Venable,
Thos. H. Rainey,
Alex'r F. Spencer,
James H. Strum,
Richard P. Taylor,
Leonidas C. Taylor,
David S. Wilkerson.

Five exaltations; no withdrawals; no rejections; no expulsions; no suspensions; one death.

WARRENTON CHAPTER, No. IX—WARRENTON.

No Returns.

RALEIGH CHAPTER, No. X—RALEIGH.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	William G. Hill, - -	High Priest.
"	Charles H. Johnson, -	King.
"	Dabney Cosby, - -	Scribe.
Comp.	John R. Harrison, - -	Captain of the Host.
"	William J. Clark, - -	Principal Sojourner.
"	James T. Marriott, -	Royal Arch Capt.
"	Albert Johnson, - -	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	William H. High, - -	" 2d "
"	James M. Harris, - -	" 1st "
"	Wm. Dallas Haywood,	Secretary.
"	Joseph J. Biggs, - -	Treasurer.
"	James S. Terrell, - -	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

James G. Jeffreys,
Willie W. Johnson,
Alston A. Jones,
Wm. F. Collins,
Willie D. Jones,
Thomas Young,
Thos. J. Utley,
Joseph Woltering,
Eldridge Smith,
Ed. Yarbrough, sen.
Rob't W. Seawell,
Dan'l B. Griffin,
William T. Bain,
C. D. Hutchings,
James D. Newsom,
Joseph D. Powell,
Jefferson M. Lovejoy,
John Kane,
Rufus T. Heflin,
John O. Jeffreys,
Calvin J. Rogers,
John W. Cosby,
James S. Terrell,
J. Dorsey Beavers.

No exaltations; no rejections; one withdrawal; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

LAFAYETTE CHAPTER, No. XI—HILLSBOROUGH.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Pride Jones,	H. P.
"	H. K. Nash,	King.
"	William Nelson,	Scribe.
Comp.	D. D. Phillips,	Capt. Host.
"	Thomas Webb,	Principal Sojourner.
"	George Laws,	R. A. Captain.
"	S. D. Schoolfield,	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	J. C. Turner,	" 2d "
"	J. M. Palmer,	" 1st "
"	J. Allison,	Treasurer.
"	D. A. Montgomery,	Secretary.
"	A. C. Murdock,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Thomas Howerton,	John F. Lyon,
Alex'r Dickson,	Antonio Di Martino,
John D. Wilbon,	John C. Douglass,
Wm. F. Bason,	Wm. Dickson,
John Q. Anderson,	B. L. Durham,
Gaston D. Cobb,	Samuel P. Moore,
Wm. McCown,	John J. Allison.

Three exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

CONOHO CHAPTER, No. XII—HAMILTON.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	P. P. Clements,	H. P.
"	P. W. Yarrell,	K.
"	H. Budike,	S.
Comp.	R. E. Weathersbee,	C. H.
"	T. L. Liddon,	P. S.
"	T. C. Davis,	R. A. C.
"	T. W. Ward,	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	W. H. Clements,	" 2d "
"	J. D. Latham,	" 1st "
"	J. J. Anthony,	Secretary.
"	J. B. Whitaker,	Treasurer.
"	Jos. Waldo,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

W. W. Sherrod,
H. S. Williams,
W. T. Hyman,
F. J. Horul,
S. J. Williams,
George Hobbs,
W. T. Weathersbee,
W. Harlow,
J. M. Matthews,
C. C. Hines,
S. M. Smithwick,
G. L. Moore,
L. T. Johnson,
Jos. E. Short,
William Beasley.

Two exaltations; no rejections; one withdrawal; one death; one expulsion; no suspensions.

CHORAZIN CHAPTER, No. XIII—GREENSBOROUGH.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Cyrus P. Mendenhall,	H. Priest.
"	John L. Cole, - -	Scribe.
"	William Gott, - -	King.
Comp.	Robert W. Denny, -	C. of Host.
"	Joab Hiatt, - -	P. Sojourner.
"	Robert Mitchell, - -	R. A. Captain.
"	J. W. Howlet, - -	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	J. D. Donnell, - -	" 2d "
"	J. B. Hoskins, - -	" 1st "
"	J. A. Houston, - -	Treasurer.
"	Edwin Watson, - -	Secretary.
"	Harrison J. Warren, -	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

John M. Logan,
Ralph Gorrell,
Jed. H. Lindsay,
Wm. H. Cumming,
Peter Adams,
John A. Foulkes,
Peter Thurston,
Orestes Smallwood,
John Hiatt,
A. S. Andrews,
Daniel McKnight,
Jos. A. Weatherly,
B. Craven,
James M. Millis,
Wm. H. Reese,
Don F. Dalton,
J. B. Kingsbury,
W. J. McElroy,
Dempsey Brown,
Sam'l W. McKnight,
Eli F. Watson,
John O. Holt,
A. H. Boyd,
J. P. Simpson,
E. O. Macy,
D. N. Sherwood,
John Kerr,
W. W. Stedman,
Isaac S. Gibson,
John W. Gibson,
M. R. Banner,
Beverley Jones,
Geo. G. Walker,
R. N. McCulloch,
Albert T. Gorrell,
Wm. R. Unthank,

L. R. Gibson,
N. M. Gardner,
S. G. Coffin,
Johannes Kuhl,
J. C. Lamb,
John Eadey,
Haley Brown,
Joseph Sears,
J. F. Howlet,
Thos. C. Albright,
R. F. Armfield,
Wm. P. Watlington,
John A. Graves,
William Anderson.

Eighteen exaltations; no rejections; nine withdrawals; two deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

CHEROKEE CHAPTER, No. XIV—HERTFORD.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Jos. M. Cox,	H. P.
"	James V. Reed,	King.
"	Willis H. Bagley,	Scribe.
Comp.	George H. Freer,	C. H.
"	Jos. G. Granbery,	P. S.
"	Jon'n W. Albertson,	R. A. C.
"	Dempsey Barclifft,	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	Josiah H. White,	" 2d "
"	M. D. Hathway,	" 1st "
"	Edwin Brace,	Secretary.
"	M. O. Jordon,	Treasurer.
"	John G. Berry,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

J. M. Edmonson,
R. K. Speed,
Thos. Palmer,
Rob't C. Jenkins,
Darius White,
Richard Felton,
Malachi S. Bonshell,
William Small,
Samuel Sutton.

Four exaltations; one rejection; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

UNION CHAPTER, No. XVII—DUPLIN.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	James W. Blount,	- -	High Priest.
"	L. R. Loftin,	- -	King.
"	Samuel Loftin,	- -	Scribe.
Comp.	Joel Loftin,	- -	Capt. of Host.
"	Dan'l Bowden,	- -	Principal Sojourner.
"	F. B. Millard,	- -	R. A. Captain.
"	James Winders,	- -	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	David Wright,	- -	" 2d "
"	Thomas Wright,	- -	" 1st "
"	Jas. G. Dickson,	- -	Treasurer.
"	C. D. Hill,	- -	Secretary.
"	D. B. Newton,	- -	Steward.

MEMBERS.

B. C. Bowden,
Buckner Bowden,
Oates S. Lewis,
Wm. F. Pollock,
Geo. W. Wallace,
Alfred Guy,
James McDuffie,
A. R. Hicks,
Henry Swinson,
Jesse J. Baker,
Joseph R. Hatch,
Louis F. Carr,
E. W. Fonville,
E. L. Powell,
Joseph J. Ward,
Hanson F. Murphy,
W. H. G. Sykes,
Everett Peterson,
H. W. Faison,
Richard L. Wooten,
John E. Breeton,
H. H. Hodges,
L. W. Humphreys,
William J. Hill,
James R. Hurst,
D. A. Kornegay,
Isaac W. Millard,
William Cooper,
Henry Grimes.

Seven exaltations; three withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

GASTON CHAPTER, No. XVIII—ROXBOROUGH.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	C. H. Jordan,	H. P.
"	John Barnett,	K.
"	Wm. O. Boler,	S.
Comp.	J. P. Moore,	C. H.
"	E. G. Reide,	P. S.
"	William R. Webb,	R. A. C.
"	C. Hamblin,	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	H. Nelson,	" 2d "
"	C. H. Bradsher,	" 1st "
"	Jones Drumright,	Treasurer.
"	B. M. Williams,	Secretary.
"	Jos. Woods,	Tyler.

Comp. L. E. Edwards.

No exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no suspensions.

NOTE.—Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the Convocations of the Chapter have been few during the past two years.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. XIX—PLYMOUTH.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Joseph Ramsey, - -	H. P.
"	John McC. Boyle, - -	K.
"	Joseph A. Spruill, - -	S.
Comp.	Henry A. Gilliam, - -	C. H.
"	William Bagley, - -	P. S.
"	Isaac Kelly, - -	R. A. C.
"	Franklin F. Fagan, - -	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	Enoch Jones, - -	" 2d "
"	John F. Phelps, - -	" 1st "
"	Thomas B. Nicholls, -	Treasurer.
"	Henry B. Short, - -	Secretary.
"	Silas Murry, - -	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Thomas E. Pender,	William W. Ward,
James Magee,	Thomas P. White,
Warren W. Ward,	George W. Pierce,
Edwin H. White,	Alfred Winchel,
John Brown,	L. S. Berkhead,
Edgar Hanks,	Charles G. Phelps,
Joel W. Tucker,	Hezekiah Owens,
Wm. H. Bobbitt,	J. J. Lansdale,
James W. Sikes,	John Simmons.

Five exaltations; one admission; one withdrawal; one death; one expulsion; no suspensions.

SALISBURY CHAPTER, No. XX—SALISBURY.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	A. H. Caldwell,	- -	H. P.
"	J. F. Chambers,	- -	K.
"	C. L. Partee,	- -	S.
Comp.	D. A. Davis,	- -	C. H.
"	L. Blackmer,	- -	P. S.
"	M. Richwine,	- -	R. A. C.
"	J. G. Ramsey,	- -	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	H. R. Austin,	- -	" 2d "
"	A. A. Harben,	- -	" 1st "
"	J. D. Ramsey,	- -	Secretary.
"	J. M. Coffin,	- -	Treasurer.
"	O. Woodson,	- -	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

Ezekiel Myers,
Daniel Coleman,
Joseph A. Worth,
H. C. Simonton,
D. W. Honeycutt,
James Pasco,
Thales McDonald,
John J. Shaver,
A. D. Montgomery,
Robert Burns,
A. M. Booe,
Braxton Bailey,
Thomas Trotter,
William Hunter,
Jehu Hanks,
David D. Salmon,
G. W. Johnston,
Samuel Taylor,
Purcel Thompson,
John W. Ellis,
George Riley,
Alex. Springs,
Baxter Clegg,
T. J. Bryan,
F. M. Ross,
Turner Pinckston,
N. P. Alsabrook,
Archibald Honeycutt,
Robert S. Young,
George W. Ferabee,
James Morphus,
Clarkson Coffin,
Samuel Rose,
John G. Bynum,

John Taylor,
J. B. Jones,
Myer Myers,
Hand James,
Charles Lippard,
John Kelley,
James A. Johnston.

Two exaltations; no rejections; eleven withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

LINCOLN CHAPTER, No. XXII—LINCOLNTON.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	James A. Caldwell,	High Priest.
"	Elisha S. Barrett,	King.
"	James T. Alexander,	Scribe.
Comp.	A. W. Burton,	C. H.
"	L. P. Henderson,	P. S.
"	M. L. Phefer,	R. A. C.
"	Will. Sloan,	M. 3d Veil.
"	B. F. Briggs,	" 2d "
"	Jacob Q. Carpenter,	" 1st "
"	D. A. Jenkins,	Secretary.
"	Z. A. Moss,	Treasurer.
"	J. A. Detton,	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

Geo. Masteller,
Middleton King,
A. J. Hause,
T. W. Bradburn,
Joshua Roberts,
Jas. C. Smith,
H. W. Hudson,
A. Monroe Gillespie,
Jas. M. Blair,
J. McDunn.

Eighteen exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; one death; no expulsions; no suspensions.

Form of Returns for a Subordinate Chapter.

Return of Chapter, No. working under jurisdiction of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.

Regular Meetings held on

OFFICERS.

MEMBERS.	MEMBERS.

Exaltations.	Rejections.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Total No. of Members.

Form of Proxy for the High Priest, King or Scribe of a Subordinate Chapter.

I, A B, (High Priest, King or Scribe,) of Chapter, No. constitute Companion C D my proxy to represent me at the next Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina, to be held in Wilmington, on the day of in the year of A. I. 238 A. D. 185

Witness my hand and seal this day of A. D. 185

SEAL.

CEREMONIES

Compiled and arranged by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, for the Installation of its Officers.

The Grand Chapter being opened, some Past Grand High Priest is selected to preside during the Ceremonies of Installation.

The Offices are filled *pro tempore*, except that the Past Grand Officers not re-elected may retain their Offices.

The Officers elect, having signified their acceptance of the respective Offices to which they have been elected, are then duly qualified; after which, the Deputy Grand Marshal presents the Grand High Priest elect, and says:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest,

I present you, for Installation, my Most Excellent and Worthy Companion, who has been duly elected to preside over this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

The Presiding Officer then addresses the Grand High Priest elect as follows:

Most Excellent Companion,

Having been elected to the high and responsible Office of Grand High Priest of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and having accepted that important trust, I shall now proceed to install you into your Office. It is a station that entails the performance of great and arduous duties—duties which those alone, who have not only acquired extensive Masonic information, but whose lives are adorned with true Masonic virtues, can well and properly discharge.

Companions,

Let us assemble around our altar, and implore the blessing of God on the administration of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

PRAYER BY THE G. CHAPLAIN.

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, the Great High Priest of Heaven and Earth, we approach thee with reverence, and implore thy blessing on the Companion chosen to preside over us, and now prostrate before thee. Fill his heart with thy fear, that his tongue and actions may pronounce thy glory. Make him steadfast in thy service—animate his heart and strengthen his endeavors. May he teach thy judgments and thy laws, and may the incense he shall put before thee, upon thine altar, prove an acceptable sacrifice unto thee. Bless him, O Lord, and bless the work of his hands. Accept us in mercy, and hear thou from Heaven, thy dwelling place, and forgive our transgressions.

Glory be to God the Father, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be.

Response—So mote it be.

The Grand High Priest elect is then clothed with his Robes of Office.

Most Excellent,

The members of this Grand Chapter having given the strongest expression of their confidence in your qualifications by selecting you as their Grand High Priest, I now, with much pleasure, invest you with this Breastplate. It is the Jewel and Badge of the Order. Thus clothed, you represent the Great High Priest of Israel, who presided at the First Grand Masonic Council at Jerusalem. The stones of which it is composed represent the Twelve Tribes of Israel. They will remind you not only of the support and obedience you may expect from the members of this Grand Chapter, but of your duty and obligations to them.

Let the Mitre with which you are invested remind you of the dignity of the office you sustain, and its inscription impress upon your mind a sense of your dependence upon God; that perfection is not given unto man upon earth, and that perfect holiness belongeth alone to the Lord.

The various colors of the robes you wear are emblematical of every grace and virtue which can adorn and beautify the human mind; each of which will be briefly illustrated in the course of the Charges to be delivered to your Subordinate Officers.

And now, Most Excellent, permit me, in behalf of the Companions here assembled, to offer you our most sincere congratulations on your accession to the honorable station you now fill. I doubt not you will govern with such order and regularity as to convince your Companions that their partiality has not been misplaced.

The Deputy Grand Marshal then presents the other Officers, in order of rank, for Installation, at which time they are clothed with their Robes of Office.

Most Excellent,

You have been elected Deputy G. H. Priest, and I now invest you with this Jewel and place upon you this covering, the Insignia of your Office. They naturally call to remembrance the period of the return of the Jews from captivity at Babylon, when their High Priests were invested with supreme authority, and held Grand Masonic Councils at Jerusalem. In the absence of the Grand High Priest, it will be your duty to preside over the deliberations of this Grand Chapter, and when present, to afford him your counsel and assistance. I have full confidence that I express the opinion and belief of this Grand Chapter, when I say you will so discharge your duty as to represent by your conduct that light, which will shine more and more even unto the perfect day.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND KING.

Excellent Companion,

Having been elected to the important office of Grand King of this Grand Chapter, you are invested with the Scarlet Robe, which marks the exalted rank you now hold among your Companions. In the absence of the Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, it will be your duty to preside in this Grand Chapter—and while discharging the various duties of your Office, you will have the honor of representing the illustrious King of Persia, by whose power and liberality our Ancient Brethren were delivered from bondage, and sent in peace to their native land. This Crown is an Emblem of Royalty. Permit me to remind you, that to reign Sovereign of the hearts and affections of your Companions, you must bring your passions and prejudices under the dominion of reason and charity. Let this Jewel, with which I now invest you, remind you, that although the representative of a King, as a Mason you stand on a level with every Brother who is worthy of that name. Let the bright examples of those who composed the First Grand Masonic Council at Jerusalem, one of whom you represent, stimulate you to the faithful discharge of every duty; and when the King of Kings shall summon you into his immediate presence, from his hand may you receive a *crown of glory* that shall never fade away.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND SCRIBE.

Excellent Companion,

The Office of Scribe, to which you have been elected, is one of great importance and responsibility. In the absence of your Superior Officers, you are bound to succeed them and to perform their duties. You will, therefore, perceive the necessity of acquiring such qualifications as will enable you to discharge those duties which are incumbent upon you in your appropriate station, as well as those which may occasionally devolve on you by the absence of your superiors.

The Purple Robe with which you are invested is an emblem of *union*, and is calculated to remind you that the harmony and unanimity of the Grand Chapter should be your constant aim, and to this end you are studiously to avoid all occasions of giving offence, or countenancing anything that may create divisions or dissensions. You are, by all means in your power, to endeavor to establish a permanent union and good understanding among the Subordinate Chapters. And as the glorious sun, at meridian, dispels the mists and clouds which obscure the horizon, so may your exertions tend to dispel the gloom of jealousy and discord whenever they may appear.

Your Badge is an emblem of rectitude and vigilance; and while you stand as a watchman upon the tower to guard your Companions against the approach of those enemies of human felicity, *intemperance and excess*, let this faithful monitor ever remind you to walk uprightly in your station—admonishing and animating your Companions to fidelity and industry while at labor, and to temperance and moderation while at refreshment. And when the Great Watchman of Israel, whose eye never slumbers nor sleeps, shall relieve you from your post of duty here, may he assign you a post of honor in the Supreme Grand Council of Heaven.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND TREASURER.

Companion,

Reposing unlimited confidence in your honor and integrity, the members of this Grand Chapter have elected you to the important and responsible office of Treasurer, and I now invest you with the Badge of your Office. The Keys will remind you that to your care is entrusted the property of this Grand Chapter, which you will consider as a sacred deposit. And may the reward of your fidelity be, in this life, the blessing of the destitute widow and orphan, and, in the life eternal, treasures that neither moth nor rust can corrupt.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Companion,

Having been elected Secretary of this Grand Chapter, permit me to invest you with the Badge of your Office. A faithful discharge of the duties of this important Office is what we confidently expect from your appointment; and having finished the Record of the Transactions of this Grand Chapter, and received the merited applause of your Companions, may you, at the Grand and Final Convocation, be admitted into the Celestial Grand Chapter above, and find your name there recorded in the Book of Life.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Excellent and Rev. Companion,

Having received the appointment of Grand Chaplain of this Grand Chapter, I now invest you with this Jewel and Badge of your Office. It is an emblem of Eternity, and reminds us that here is not our abiding place. It will be equally your inclination as your duty to perform in the Grand Chapter those solemn services which created beings should constantly render to their Infinite Creator, and which, when offered by one whose holy profession is to point to Heaven and lead the way, may, by refining our morals, strengthening our virtues and purifying our minds, prepare us for admission into the society of those above, whose happiness will be as endless as it is perfect.

CHARGE TO THE GRAND MARSHAL.

Companion,

Having been appointed to the Office of Grand Marshal, I invest you with the Badge of your Office, and arm you with this (Sword) emblem of the authority you now hold in this Grand Chapter. Your station is within the Veils of the Tabernacle, and your duty is to qualify all Travelers, whom you may find worthy, for the services of the Sanctuary. A perfect know-

ledge of the most sublime mysteries of the Royal Art is essential to the proper discharge of the important duties of your Office, and if you are not already fully qualified, I trust that your zeal for the good of our Institution will induce you to acquire, without delay, such light as will enable you to adorn the station you now hold, as well as any other to which you may hereafter be elevated.

CHARGE TO THE PRINCIPAL SOJOURNER.

Companion,

Having been appointed to the Office of Principal Sojourner of this Grand Chapter, I invest you with the Badge of your Office, (Wand.) In the exemplification of the Ceremonies of our Order, your Office is inferior in importance to none, save that of your Chief; you will therefore perceive the necessity of being fully prepared to bring the blind by a way they knew not, and to lead them in paths they have not known—to make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. And when, hand in hand with your Companions, you shall have traveled the rugged path of life, and passed the Veils of this earthly Tabernacle, may the Supreme Grand Council of Heaven receive and invest you with the honors and glory of the Eternal Kingdom.

CHARGE TO THE ROYAL ARCH CAPTAIN.

Companion,

Having been appointed to the Office of Royal Arch Captain of this Grand Chapter, I arm you with this Sword, with which to guard the Sanctuary.

The White Banner entrusted to your care is emblematical of that purity of heart and rectitude of life, which should characterize all those who pass the White Veil of the Sanctuary. A faithful discharge of the important duties of your Office will secure to you the confidence and esteem of this Grand Chapter and of your Companions of this Order; and as none should be permitted to pass your post but such as are in possession of the

True Signet, may this Talisman be yours, when you pass the Veils that shall usher you into the presence of the supreme Grand Council above.

CHARGE TO THE MASTER OF THE FIRST VEIL.

Companion,

I invest you with the Scarlet Banner, which is the ensign of your Office, and with a Sword to protect and defend the same. The rich and beautiful color of your Banner is emblematical of *fervency* and *zeal.* It is the appropriate color of the Royal Arch Degree, and admonishes us that we should be *fervent* in our devotions to God, and *zealous* in our endeavors to promote the happiness of Man.

CHARGE TO THE MASTER OF THE SECOND VEIL.

Companion,

I invest you with the Purple Banner, which is the ensign of your Office, and arm you with a Sword with which to maintain its honor.

The color of your Banner is produced by a due mixture of *blue* and *scarlet;* the former of which is the characteristic color of the *symbolic* or *first three Degrees of Masonry*, and the latter, that of the *Royal Arch Degree.* It is an emblem of *Union*, and is the characteristic color of the intermediate Degrees. It admonishes us to cultivate and improve that spirit of union and harmony between the Brethren of the Symbolic Degrees and the Companions of the Sublime Degrees, which should ever distinguish the Members of a Society founded upon the principles of everlasting truth and universal philanthropy.

CHARGE TO THE MASTER OF THE THIRD VEIL.

Companion,

I invest you with the Blue Banner, which is the ensign of your Office, and a Sword for its defence and protection.

The color of your Banner is one of the most durable and beautiful in nature. It is the appropriate color, adopted and worn by our ancient Brethren of the three Symbolic Degrees, and is the *peculiar characteristic* of an Institution which has stood the test of ages, and which is as much distinguished by the durability of its materials or principles as by the beauty of its superstructure. It is an emblem of universal friendship and benevolence, and instructs us that in the mind of a Mason, those virtues should be as expansive as the blue Arch of Heaven itself.

CHARGE TO THE TYLER.

Companion,

Having been appointed Tyler of this Grand Chapter, I now invest you with the Badge of your Office, and arm you with this Sword for the defence of your post. Though your Office is the last in rank, it is not the least in importance, as the consequences of a want of fidelity in this Officer might be destructive of the interests of the Institution. At its portals, therefore, be you ever a true and faithful Sentinel, and when the doors of this earthly Tabernacle shall be closed, may you find abundant entrance through the gates into the Temple and City of our God.

CHARGE TO THE OFFICERS GENERALLY.

Companions,

To you has been confided the important duty of presiding over the deliberations of this Grand Chapter, and of seeing that its laws, resolutions and edicts are duly executed. Should the contemplation of the responsibilities imposed upon you by this Grand Body cause you to distrust your ability to accomplish all that may be expected or required of you, let it not discourage but stimulate you to greater industry and perseverance in the acquisition of knowledge in the Royal Art.

The Royal Arch, the crowning emblem of our Order, is not only an ornamental device, but an emblem of strength; and the

admission of any defective materials in its construction not only mars its beauty, but renders it weak and insecure, thus destroying the effect, both practical and ornamental, of the most elaborate and perfect work of the true and faithful craftsman. It therefore becomes your duty, as Overseers of your Subordinates, to apprise them of the vital importance of rejecting all materials that are not perfect in every part; and as they are hereafter to look to you for council and instruction, let precepts of morality, and incentives to virtue and integrity be the distinguishing marks of your intercourse with them, and may your term of office be characterized by that harmony and unanimity that should ever exist among the Officers and Members of an Institution in which we shall ever hope to

See Order and Beauty rise gently to view,
Each Brother a column, so perfect and true;
When Order shall cease, and when Temples decay,
May each, fairer columns, immortal survey.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

IN WILMINGTON, N. C. ON MONDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF JUNE,

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To

H. P. of *Chapter No.*

You are hereby ordered to cause the Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter to be read in your Chapter within two months after receipt.

ROBERT G. RANKIN, *G. H. P.*

Attest,

H. P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

BEGUN, AND HELD IN THE HALL OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 1, IN WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, ON MONDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF JUNE A. L. 5854, A. I. 2384, A. D. 1854.

PRESENT.

M. E. Rob't G. Rankin,	- -	G. H. P.
" " Ezekiel Myers, D. G. H. P.,	- -	G. K. p. t.
" " P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.,	- -	G. S. p. t.
" Peter Custis,	- -	G. M.
James Reid,	- -	G. P. S. p. t.
F. M. Capehart,	- -	G. R. A. C. p. t.
E. J. Lutterloh,	- -	G. M. 3d V. p. t.
J. T. Alexander,	- -	G. M. 2d V. p. t.
D. McMillan,	- -	G. M. 1st V. p. t.
Henry P. Russell,	- -	G. Sec'y.
Hiram W. Foy,	- -	G. Tyler.

The Grand Chapter opened in solemn form, with prayer by the Comp'n James Reid, G. C. p. t.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Committee:
On Credentials—Peter Custis and F. M. Capehart.

The minutes being read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, half past 9 o'clock.

HENRY P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

ST. JOHN'S HALL, TUESDAY MORNING, June 6, 9 1-2 o'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E.	Rob't G. Rankin,	G. H. P.
" "	E. Myers,	D. G. H. P.
"	James Reid,	G. K. p. t.
	J. T. Alexander,	G. S. p. t.
	Peter Custis,	G. M.
	L. Blackmer,	G. P. S. p. t.
	E. J. Lutterloh,	G. R. A. C. p. t.
	O. L. Fillyaw,	G. M. 3d V. p. t.
	Henry T. Clark,	G. M. 2d V. p. t.
	F. M. Capehart,	G. M. 1st V. p. t.
	H. P. Russell,	G. Sec'y.
	H. W. Foy,	G. Tyler.
M. E.	Alfred Martin,	P. G. H. P.
" "	P. W. Fanning,	P. G. H. P.
"	W. Burge,	P. G. K.

Comp'ns N. F. Reid, Thos. Wright, L. D. Farmer, John Hanks, T. B. Carr, D. B. Newton, John A. Taylor, Samuel Loftin.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report:—

Your Committee report the following Representatives from their respective Chapters, as properly entitled to seats in this Grand Body.

Concord,	No. 1,	H. P. Russell, H. P. O. L. Fillyaw, K. P. W. Fanning, P. for S.
Phœnix,	No. 2,	Geo. Makepeace, R.
Mt. Ararat,	No. 3,	F. M. Capehart, R.
Eureka,	No. 7,	Peter Custis, H. P. and R.
Union,	No. 77,	Thos. Wright, H. P.
Chorazin,	No. 18,	E. J. Lutterloh, P., for H. P. K. and S.
Lincoln,	No. 22,	J. T. Alexander, S. and P, for H. P. and K.
Germanton,	No. 24,	E. Myers, P., for H. P. K. and S.
Montg'mery,	No. 23,	G. H. Makepeace, P. for H. P. K. and S.
Salisbury,	No. 20,	Luke Blackmer, P. for H. P. K. and S.
Concord,	No. 5,	H. T. Clark, K.

PETER CUSTIS,
F. M. CAPEHART,
Committee.

On motion of Comp'n L. Myers,

Resolved, That the reading of the Minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with, each member being furnished with a printed copy

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Committees:

On Unfinished Business—E. J. Lutterloh, Thos. Wright and Geo. Makepeace.

On Charters and Dispensations—L. Blackmer, H. T. Clark and O. L. Fillyaw.

The M. E. G. H. P. submitted his annual report.

The assembling together of Masons is always pleasant, and to this annual re-union of Companions from the several parts of our jurisdiction, we look forward with a heart filled with gratitude to the great I AM whose aid we have invoked, for the continuance of that strength and support which has so long sustained us, which has been with us through adversity and prosperity, through persecutions and triumphs. Our assemblage is one of interest to the fraternity at large, but is of peculiar interest to the Companions of North Carolina. To us they look for the dissemination of true light to guide, true principles to govern.

The year just closed has been marked with no event, requiring my official intervention; peace and quietness seem to prevail through our borders. No questions have arisen to disturb our harmony, and I can proudly assert, that in all parts of our jurisdiction, Companions have so informed themselves that there is but seldom necessity for submission to your presiding officer, or this Grand Body, of questions of work, or jurisprudence.—This was happily illustrated in the exemplification of work at our last annual convocation, when all were forcibly struck with the very slight variation in the work of the different subordinates represented, as well as the slight variation in language. To this state of things, this Grand Chapter has largely contributed.

The tri-ennial convocation of the M. E. General Grand Chapter, took place at the appointed time. My arrangements to represent our Grand Chapter, or have her represented, were, as I thought, completed; but, were frustrated at the last moment. The seat of North Carolina was therefore vacant. Neither this Grand Body nor its presiding officer has been furnished with a copy of their proceedings; a matter much to be deprecated as it is always, to say the least; agreeable to possess the "light" reflected from the "parent Head." From other sources I learn some action was had upon the long agitated question of the Royal and Select degrees, but, as I am not officially advised, I cannot officially claim that action. It appears, however, to be admitted, that these degrees so beautifully appropriate to the Royal Arch degree, are not the property of Chapters, and bear the same affinity to Royal Arch Masonry, that those most sublime degrees do to Ancient Craft Masonry. The link lost in the sublime degree of a Master Mason is found upon exaltation—the chain still being incomplete—the summit and perfection of Ancient Masonry can only be attained by authority of Councils. While we regret the multiplication of orders, it is better to secure unity, peace and harmony, that these degrees should be conferred in regularly organized Councils, and the attention of Royal Arch Masonry is directed to the establishment of subordinate Councils, with the view of forming a Grand Council.

I am informed that the position taken by this Grand Chapter, respecting the Order of High Priest, has been fully sustained by the General Grand Chapter.—the long urged necessity of this order as a qualification for installation is thus silenced. As the degree is only conferred to invest, with official dignity, those elected to preside, and believing that the love of Masonry would only induce a Companion to accept this high office, and trusting that the same spirit will induce him to seek all possible light; it is, perhaps, needless to urge on one elected to lose no opportunity of being duly consecrated, solemnly invested.

A dispensation has been granted by me to Louisburg Chapter, and her delegate is here with necessary documents to secure a Charter. This has been the only dispensation issued. Our increase though gradual, is, in my opinion, simply the work of time.—Dispensations granted to Asheville and Mt. Lebanon Chapters, a short time previous to our last convocation, will, doubtless, be presented to this body with a request for Charters.

At the request of the Companions of Mt. Lebanon, I visited that Chapter in the latter part of the past year; and dispensed such information as was necessary, to place them at work. I doubt not it will soon grow into a flourishing Chapter; the Companions are zealous, and determined to surmount the many obstacles always surrounding young institutions.

The Grand Lecturer, Comp'n J. H. Moore, tendered his resignation early in December, but until I could find a successor, I have not acted upon it, and it has not yet, been formally accepted. The appointment of a Grand Lecturer is of importance to this Grand Body, as upon this officer depends largely, the continuance of uniformity in the work appertaining to Royal Arch Masonry. To the wisdom of this Grand Chapter I submit this matter, hoping that some plan may be directed to secure the service of a Companion of known skill and fidelity.

By resolution I was instructed to procure an act of incorporation for the Grand Chapter as soon as practicable. In the discharge of this duty I found that the general act of Incorporation did not invest this Body with sufficient powers, and I have recommended that application be made to the next Legislature of North Carolina, for a special act.

Death is the common lot of all. Since our re-organization, the "grim tyrant" has laid his cold hand upon the hearts of some, whose presence at our altars and firesides, we were wont to greet with joy, and whose vacant places we now contemplate with sad and sorrowing hearts. Among the most distinguished of the "loved and lost," is one whom we all delighted to honor, one whom the State claimed as among her bright jewels, one whom we justly regarded as among the principal columns in the Temple of Masonry; I allude to our M. E. Comp'n Rob't Strange. For many years Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of our State; he was in this, as in every other official position, distinguished for the zeal, fidelity and ability, with which he discharged his various and arduous duties. Though in latter years the pressure of public duties has prevented his being with us and among us; yet, we all knew his reverence for Masonry, and may well imitate him in the example he has left. And, we have no doubt that when the "grim tyrant did come he was fully prepared to welcome him as a kind messenger sent to translate him from this imperfect, to that all perfect, celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Grand High Priest presides."

When such a man and Companion dies, it is fit that we should mourn; it is fit that we should pay some tribute to his memory.

In reviewing, Companions, the three years in which I have been honored by you, it is but right in laying before you this my last official communication, again to return you my thanks; to ask your indulgence for errors committed; and to pledge you my hearty co-operation in all things tending to benefit or exalt our institution. Questions have arisen in which it has been my misfortune to differ with many good and bright Companions, some with whom I possess no personal acquaintance, others, whose opinions I know possess sterling weight; but, in my decisions I have been guided solely by what I thought to be true masonry, without reference to persons, with sole reference to principles. My decisions have been duly acquiesced in, and I have reason to believe, have resulted happily for the peace and harmony of our Chapters. For this I claim no credit, the principles of Masonry teaching obedience to proper authority; our laws, the tenets of our order, deservedly possess more weight with Masons, than the opinions of man.

Permit me, Companions, in conclusion, to express a hope, that when the herald shall summon us forth, to unite in the meeting of souls above, we may then be found prepared to offer acceptable incense at the heavenly altar, to receive the crown as the reward of true and faithful craftsmen.

ROBERT G. RANKIN, *G. H. P.*

Which on motion of Comp'n FANNING,

Was received, and ordered to be spread on the Minutes, and referred to a Special Committee for the disposal of its several subjects.

Committee—Comp'ns P. W. Fanning and E. Myers.

The D. G. H. P. submitted his annual report.

M. E. Robert G. Rankin, *Grand High Priest*
Of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

M. E. Sir and Companion,

Another year has passed away, and it is expected, that I should give you a report of my official acts during that time.

In accordance with the promise made you at the last convocation, I visited Fayetteville for the purpose of assisting in again getting Phœnix Chapter to work; but, owing to the fact of a large fire having occurred in the town, the night previous to my arrival, it was found impossible to obtain the requisite number. I sincerely trust that ere this, in accordance with the associations connected with its name, it has arisen from its ashes. From the true Masonic spirit manifested by the Companions with whom it was my pleasure to meet, I am induced to believe that its returns to the Grand Chapter will show an addition to Royal Arch Masonry, alike creditable to their spirit under reverses, and gratifying to us.

No question of importance, has been submitted to me during the present year.

The condition of Chapters in my vicinity is such, as must be a source of pride and pleasure to this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

E. MYERS, *D. G. H. P.*

Which on motion of Comp'n Fanning,

Was received, and ordered to be spread on the Minutes.

The Grand Chapter called off 'till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

H. P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Present—Officers as this morning.

Comp'ns W. Geo. Thomas, P. G. S., N. T. Harriss, M. McInnis, M. Cronly and T. B. Carr.

Representatives of Sub. Chapters.

Concord,	No. 1,	H. P. Russell, H. P. O. L. Fillyaw, K. P. W. Fanning, P. for S.
Phœnix,	No. 2,	Geo. Makepeace, R.
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Salisbury,	No. 20,	L. Blackmer, P. for H. P. K. and S.
Concord.	No. 5,	H. T. Clark, K.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which on motion was received.

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report, that at our last Grand Convocation the Committee on Foreign Correspondence were allowed until this session to report. This, together with Comp'n J. H. Moore's resolution requiring subordinate Chapters to use Moore's Masonic Trestleboard in their work, are the only matters left over for the consideration of this Grand Convocation.

E. J. LUTTERLOH,
THOS. WRIGHT,
G. H. MAKEPEACE,
Committee.

The Special Committee on the report of the M. E. G. H. P. made the following report, which on motion of Comp'n E. J. Lutterloh was received:

Report of Special Committee on M. E. G. H. Priest's Address.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the annual communication of the M. E. G. H. Priest, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to recommend the following disposition of the several subjects embraced therein, to-wit:

1st. So much as relates to the Degrees of Royal and Select Master, and to the establishment of a Council, to a Special Committee.

2nd. So much as relates to the order of H. Priesthood, to a Select Committee.

3rd. So much as relates to the office of Grand Lecturer to the Committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters.

4th. So much as relates to a special act of Incorporation of the Grand Chapter, to a special Committee.

5th. So much as relates to the death of our late worthy M. E. Companion, ROBERT STRANGE, to a select Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
P. W. FANNING, *Ch'm'n of Committee.*

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Committees under the above report:

On Royal and Select Degrees,	N. F. Reid, E. J. Lutterloh.
" High Priesthood,	P. W. Fanning, H. P. Russell.
" Grand Lecturer, to	Com. on Returns and Proceedings.
" Incorporation,	A. Martin, T. W. Brown.
" Death of C'mp'n R. Strange,	L. Blackmer, H. T. Clark.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, which on motion was received, and adopted:

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

Your Committee appointed to report upon Charters and Dispensations, would respectfully report:

That they have examined the Proceedings and By-Laws of Asheville, Mt. Lebanon and Louisburg Chapters, working under Dispensations from this Grand Chapter.

We find the By-Laws of Mt. Lebanon Chapter correct; but, we find some informalities in their records. It does not appear from the record whether they had a Dispensation authorising them to open a Chapter, which your Committee think should have been stated in the record. We also find that the Chapter was opened in July, 1853, and was not closed until March 1854, it having been called from labor to refreshments or dis-

pensed with at all intervening meetings. Your Committee think the Chapter should be opened and closed at each of its regular and called convocations, except in cases of emergency.

We find that the Louisburg Chapter was opened in September, 1853, since which time it has not been closed. The subordinate Lodges of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters were opened at the same time, but have never been closed, although frequent convocations have been held and much work done. This your Committee deem wrong. It is proper to dispense with the Royal Arch Chapter for the purpose of opening a Mark, or other Lodge: and when the work is completed, the Lodge should be closed, and when all work in the Subordinate Lodges is completed, the Chapter should resume labor in the Royal Arch Degree, and then close the Chapter, except in cases of emergency. The term *suspended labor*, is incorrect, it should be *dispensed with*, when a subordinate Lodge is to be opened, and called from labor to refreshment when the object is for refreshment. We find the By-Laws of Louisburg Chapter correct, with the exception of Art. 17, which provides for *recording* the yeas and nays of the members; your Committee deem this unmasonic, and recommend that it be stricken out. We find the Records and By-Laws of Louisburg Chapter correct.

We recommend, therefore, that Charters be granted to Asheville, Louisburg and Mt. Lebanon Chapters, numbering as follows:

Asheville, 25; Mt. Lebanon, 26; Louisburg, 27.

L. BLACKMER,
O. L. FILLYAW,
H. T. CLARK.
Committee.

On motion of Comp'n CLARK,

Resolved, That the delegates from Asheville, Louisburg and Mt. Lebanon Chapters be allowed a seat in this Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Credentials reported,

Comp'n N. F. REID, P. for H. P. K. and S., Louisburg Chapter, No. 26.

Comp'n JAMES REID, P. for H. P. K. and S., Asheville Chapter, No. 25.

Comp'n L. D. FARMER, H. P., Mt. Lebanon Chapter, No. 27.

The following resolution offered by Comp'n MOORE, at the last Convocation, and by motion laid over to this, was taken up and discussed, and on motion of Comp'n CUSTIS, was indefinitely postponed:

Resolved, That the Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, be and are hereby required to use Moore's Masonic Trestleboard in their work.

On motion of Comp'n E. J. LUTTERLOH,

Resolved, That the election of Officers for the ensuing year take place to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.

On motion of Comp'n CUSTIS,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare a digest of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter from its re-organization to the present time, and publish it with the Proceedings of this Chapter.

The M. E. G. H. P appointed the following Committees:

On Returns and Proceedings of Sub. Chapters—Compn's J. Reid, A. Martin and W. Burge.

Foreign Correspondence—Comp'ns P. W. Fanning, P. Custis and F. M. Capehart.

The Proceedings being read and approved, the Grand Chapter called off 'till to-morrow morning half past 9 o'clock.

H. P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 7, 9 1-2 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. R. G. Rankin,	- -	G. H. P.
" " Ezekiel Myers,	- -	D. G. H. P.
" Z. M. Paschall,	- -	G. K.
" J. T. Alexander,	- -	G. S. p. t.
Peter Custis,	- -	G. M.
L. Blackmer,	- -	G. P. S. p. t.
E. J. Lutterloh,	- -	G. R. A. C. p. t.
F. M. Capehart,	- -	G. M. 3d V. p. t.
W. Burge,	- -	G. M. 2d V. p. t.
O. L. Fillyaw,	- -	G. M. 1st V. p. t.
H. P. Russell,	- -	G. Sec'y.
H. W. Foy,	- -	G. Tyler.

Comp'ns P W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., J. I. McDugald.

The Committee on Credentials reported,

Comp'n H. P. Russell as P. for Comp'n Jas. H. Cherry, delegate for Temple Chapter, No. 6., and Comp'n Z. M. Paschall, H. P., Oxford Chapter, No. 8.

The first business in order being the election of officers ; on motion of Comp'n Custis, the election was postponed to allow such Committees as might be prepared an opportunity to report.

The Committee on M. E. G. H. P.'s report relative to the death of Comp'n Rob't Strange, through Comp'n Blackmer made the following report, which on motion was received and adopted :

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

Your Committee, appointed to report upon so much of the M. E. Grand High Priests' address, as relates to the death of M. E. Past Grand High Priest, Robert Strange, would respectfully submit the following:

The official announcement of the death of Hon. Robert Strange, Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, has been made. Our most beautiful column is broken,—our most highly polished ashlar has been removed to take its place in the temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Our departed companion, whose memory we revere, and whose loss we deplore, was no ordinary man. Highly gifted by nature, and thoroughly improved by all the varied learning of the times, he was at once the centre of attraction in the social circle, the pride of the State, and the ornament and embellishment of Masonry; and now that he has gone to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns, it becomes us to cherish his memory as that of no ordinary person.—Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Hon. Rob't Strange, Masonry has been bereft of one of her brightest jewels,—the State of a son of whom she was justly proud, and his family of a husband and father whose place can never be filled.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathise with his bereaved family in this afflicting stroke of divine Providence, by which his hearth-stone is rendered desolate, and which has shrouded his home in mourning.

Resolved, That in token of our respect for the memory of our departed companion, the members of this Grand Chapter will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and we recommend to all the subordinate chapters in this State, to enshroud their altars in mourning, and that their members wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That the M. E. Grand High Priest be requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to the family of our deceased companion.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the Wilmington papers, and that all other papers in the State be requested to copy.

L. BLACKMER,
H. T. CLARK.
Committee.

The Committee on M. E. G. H. P's. report, relative to the Royal and Select degrees made the following report, which on motion of Comp'n Blackmer was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom that part of the Most Excellent Grand Masters address was referred relative to the council degrees, most respectfully recommend, that as this Grand Chapter is in possession of no official information of any action of the General Grand Chapter in reference to these degrees, that we continue to confer them, until we are officially advised that the General Grand Chapter has declared them not to be within our jurisdiction.

N. F. REID,
E. J. LUTTERLOH.
Committee.

The Committee on Credentials were allowed to amend their first report, by inserting the name of Comp'n Wm. Burge as P. for Phœnix Chapter, No. 2; Comp'n Makepeace holding P. for Montgomery Chapter, No. 23.

The following Comp'ns asked for leave of absence, which was granted:

Comp'ns F. M. Capehart, Henry T. Clark and L. D. Farmer.

An election of officers was now held, which resulted as follows:

Comp'n Rob't G. Rankin,	Wilmington,	G. H. P.
" Ezekiel Myers,	Salisbury,	D. G. H. P.
" Z. M. Paschall,	Oxford,	G. K.
" Peter Custis,	Newbern,	G. S.
" T. W. Brown,	Wilmington,	G. Treasurer.
" Henry P. Russell,	do	G. Secretary.
" F. M. Capehart,	Murfreesboro',	G. Marshal.

On motion of Comp'n E. J. LUTTERLOH,

Resolved, That the Installation of Officers take place this afternoon, at 4 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter called off 'till this afternoon 3 o'clock.

H. P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 7, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Present—Officers and Comp'ns as this morning.

Comp'n Fanning, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report, which on motion of Comp'n H. P. Russell, was received and adopted, excepting so much as relates to the degree of High Priesthood:

The undersigned has the mortification of apprising the Grand Chapter that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, appointed at your last annual convocation, have failed in the performance of their duty—not having prepared any Report, or even furnished a summary of the very interesting and voluminous Proceedings of sister Grand Chapters which have come to hand; whereby this Grand Body must of consequence be embarrassed in its deliberations, being deprived of that information in regard to what is transpiring in the various masonic jurisdictions, to enable it to act on important questions in a corresponding spirit, or with any degree of prudence.

The Chairman of the Committee, residing at a distance, has from time to time been furnished by the Grand Secretary with all essential documents as they came to hand; and it was not doubted but that a full and ample report would be forthcoming—instead of which, however, the documents, without comment, have all been returned within a day or two, and were last evening placed in the hands of the undersigned, who, not claiming superhuman powers, will not attempt a hasty, perhaps unwarranted review of the transactions of our sister chapters; but will content himself by simply commenting upon such matters as prudence shall dictate, and time allow.

The documents above alluded to embrace the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, Vermont, Connecticut, Maine, New York, Kentucky, Florida, Michigan, Mississippi, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Louisiana, Ohio, Maryland, Arkansas, all for 1853—and Louisiana, 1854; also the book of Constitutions, G. R. A. C. of S. C; the eighteenth annual Catalogue of Teachers &c, of Baltimore Collegiate Institute, for ladies; extract from the report of the N. Y. Committee on the subject of a General Grand Lodge, with an-

merous proceedings for the year 1852. A glance at the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter would be refreshing.

Subjects of grave importance to the Fraternity are discussed in these proceedings—some with much ability, others more or less imprudently. There seems to be a prevailing disposition, in some quarters to upturn established usages—to modify, alter, improve, reject, innovate, annul—in fact to change the most graceful features of our venerated Institution. It has been ingeniously discovered that the Past Master's Degree is out of place in the Chapters—of course all who have so taken it are clandestine. During an experience of about thirty years, the undersigned has never before heard such a suggestion—nor has any jealousy ever existed in this quarter between the Lodge and Chapter on that account—the Chapter always having volunteered to qualify a Master elect. Misplaced or not, it certainly has a tendency, as all can testify who have so taken it, to brighten an individual in the duties of the Chair, and impress him with the importance of subordination.

Next, the order of High Priesthood is treated with irreverence, discovered to be a matter of moonshine, and is doomed. This is truly an unlooked for discovery, and places all who have been solemnly annointed, in the very enviable position of having been unmercifully humbugged. The General Grand Chapter, it is understood, has assumed this ground—and as a crowning act, permitted the Chapters to retain the innovation, and recommend all High Priests elect to embrace the first opportunity of jumping into the absurdity. Our own Grand Body, perhaps unfortunately, has taken the same ground. The most reliable argument, it is believed, favoring such conclusions, is founded upon the fact that the Chapters cannot control a Degree which is not possessed in common—the same argument will apply with equal consistency to the Blue Lodges exercising authority over the Past Master's Degree—this right no one, within knowledge, has ever had the temerity to doubt. Any objections, predicated on its modern origin, with all due deference, comes with an ill grace—applying such test too freely might lead to unpleasant results.

The subject of the Royal and Select Degrees affords a theme never to be exhausted. To the vision of the undersigned, it appears like a piece of desert and unclaimed land which has been entered, when considered of but little value, by at least a dozen different individuals in as many different locations; as the value enhances, the claimants become clamorous—the production of a legal deed however, will set matters all to rights, and perhaps be the cause of some unhappy reflections. The General Grand Chapter, it is said, has disclaimed these Degrees, renouncing for itself and subordinates, all legitimate claim over them. If such be the case, and most of the councils heretofore established being counted illegal, all who have taken the Degrees under the above circumstances, must of course be clandestine. One of these councils was in successful operation in Wilmington some 25 or 30 years since—one of its prominent members invested our companions with the Degrees, and placed them under control of the Chapter—where they have remained up to the present time.

The undersigned has improved occasions, heretofore, to urge the acquisition of these Degrees for the Chapters, where they most appropriately belong—the subject is still urged.

The *constitutionality*, of the so called *side Degrees*, has been seriously debated, and much unmerited importance has been attached to them—as well might the propriety of admitting a woman be debated in a masonic body. When let alone they are perfectly harmless in themselves—gotten up by Masons merely for pastime—some unexceptionable in their moral, others perfectly ridiculous, but all intended for amusement. It would be no marvel, at some future day, to see some progressive genius and sage, constitute these playthings into an order, and hawking them about without even the authority of a Pedlars license—claiming for them great antiquity and moral worth.

Some of the fraternity have indulged in the benevolent design of conferring peculiar Degrees upon the wives and daughters of Masons, with a view to aid their recognition as such, should occasion require—such practice should be frowned upon and checked. A true Mason would require no such recognition on the appeal of a woman—he is her sworn protector.

While on the subject of orders, it may not be amiss to allude to the scores of fantastic secret societies continually springing up, with pretended signs of recognition, and professions as various and ludicrous as the most whimsical could desire—but all calculated insidiously to lessen the influence of an institution which every Mason has been taught to venerate. The human mind is excited by novelties; and whenever any theory is advanced, especially if it be clothed in any thing like a mysterious garb, there is a manifest disposition to rush into its embrace, thoughtless of consequences. Let every Mason be warned not to compromise his solemn obligations by countenancing any mushroom system that may be held up for his allurement.

P. W. FANNING.

The Committee on Proceedings and Returns and Grand Lecturer made the following report, which on motion of Comp'n E. J. Lutterloh was received and adopted.

The Committee on Proceedings and Returns, beg leave to report that they have examined the several returns of the following Chapters and find them correct:

Concord Chapter	No. 1.		Germanton Chapter	No. 21.
Phœnix, "	No. 2.		Montgomery, "	No. 23.
Mt. Ararat, "	No. 3.		Salisbury, "	No. 20.
Eureka, "	No. 7.		Concord, "	No. 5.
Oxford, "	No. 8.		Temple, "	No. 6.
Union, "	No. 17.		Lafayette, "	No. 11.
Chorazin, "	No. 13.		Key Stone, "	No. 19.
Lincolnton, "	No. 22.			

No returns made from the following Chapters:

Roanoke Chapter	No. 4.	Gaston Chapter	No. 18.
*Raleigh, "	No. 10.	Warrenton, "	No. 9.
Connoho, "	No. 12.	*Cherokee, "	No. 4.
Cyrus, "	No. 24.		

*Received since the adjournment of Grand Chapter.

There exists a neglect of duty in making returns, some Chapters from the records have declined making regular returns, for one or two convocations. We hope this evil will cease.

Your Committee further recommend to the M. E. G. H. P. to select a suitable Grand Lecturer to visit and lecture all the Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body, and that he be allowed Ten dollars for services rendered, by this Grand Chapter, for each and every Chapter he visits, with such other amounts as subordinate Chapters feel willing to allow him.

Your Committee are desirous of having uniformity in the work throughout the State, believing it to be of great importance to the Craft.

J. REID,
A. MARTIN,
WM. BURGE.
Committee.

The Committee on M. E. G. H. P's. report relative to having an Act of Incorporation, made the following report, which on motion was received and adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the Most Excellent Grand High Priests address as relates to the Incorporation of this Grand Chapter, recommend that the whole matter be referred to the M. E. G. H. P.

A. MARTIN,
T. W. BROWN.
Committee.

Comp'n H. P. Russell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter withdraw from the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S.

Which was, on motion of Comp'n Custis laid over 'till our next annual convocation.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the installation of officers, M. E. P. G. H. P., P. W. Fanning presiding.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments:

Comp'n J. T. Alexander,	Lincoln,	G. P. S.
" H. T. Clark,	Tarboro',	G. R. A. C.
" Thos. Wright,	Duplin,	G. M. 3d V.
" G. H. Makepeace.	Montgomery,	G. M. 2d V.

Comp'n Jas. H. Patton,	Asheville,	G. M. 1st V.
" Rev. Jas. Reid.	Louisburg.	G. C.
" H. W. Foy,	Wilmington,	G. Tyler.

On motion of Comp'n Myers,

Resolved, That $30 be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter to the Grand Treasurer, $50 to the Grand Secretary, and $15 to the G. Tyler, for their services during the present convocation.

The Minutes being read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, 'till to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

H. P. RUSSELL. *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY EVENING, June 8th, 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Officers in their station.

The Committee on Credentials reported Comp'n Jas. Cox, delegate from Cherokee Chapter, No. 14.

Comp'n Custis, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the subordinate Chapters be instructed to send to the Grand Chapter at its annual convocations, the number of stated and special meetings they may hold during the preceding twelve months.

No further business, the Grand Chapter closed in solemn form to meet again on the first Monday in June, A. L. 5855, A. I. 2385, A. D. 1855.

HENRY P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

A LIST OF HIGH PRIESTS

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

M. E. Jas. F. McRee,	*Wilmington.*	M. E. J. S. Pender.	*Tarborough.*
" Alex. McRae,	*Do.*	" W. G. Thomas,	*Do.*
" P. W. Fanning,	*Do.*	" Lewis Bond,	*Do.*
" H. P. Russell,	*Do.*	" Jas. Mehegan,	*Do.*
" Alfred Martin,	*Do.*	" W. W. Daniel,	*Halifax.*
" Isaac Northrop,	*Do.*	" C. N. Webb,	*Do.*
" D. McMillan,	*Do.*	" Z. M. Paschall,	*Oxford.*
" R. G. Rankin.	*Do.*	" Wm. Burge,	*Warrenton.*
" Wm. G. Hill,	*Raleigh.*	" A. P. Yancey,	*Murfreesborough.*
" E. B. Freeman,	*Do.*	" F. M. Capehart.	*Do.*
" John W. Cosby,	*Do.*	" P. P. Clements,	*Hamilton.*
" J. R. Harrison,	*Do.*	" C. H. Jordan,	*Roxborough.*
" Jos. M. Cox,	*Hertford.*	" C. W. Wooley,	*Montgomery.*
" J. W. Albertson,	*Do.*	" J. S. Gibson,	*Do.*
" E. Myers,	*Salisbury.*	" A. T. Jerkins,	*Newbern.*
" A. H. Caldwell,	*Do.*	" Peter Custis,	*Do.*
" T. B. Nicholls,	*Plymouth.*	" H. K. Nash,	*Do.*
" J. Ramsey,	*Do.*	" C. P. Mendenhall,	*Do.*
" John McRae,	*Fayetteville,*	" Wm. Sloan.	*Lincoln.*
" E. L. Winslow,	*Do.*	" Jos. K. Bird,	*Windsor.*
" L. R. Loftin,	*Duplin.*	" Kater Biggs,	*Do.*
" Eli W. Hines,	*Do.*	" B. J. S. Spruill,	*Do.*
" Thos. Wright,	*Do.*	" Wm. Slade,	*Hamilton.*
" Pride Jones,	*Hillsborough.*		

The above list comprises all the High Priests, as far as can be at this time ascertained. Should there be any omissions, the Grand Secretary would be pleased to receive notice, to enable him to make a complete Register.

Grand R. A. Chapter of North Carolina,

In account with T. W. Brown, *Grand Treasurer.*

1853.		
June 8,	To Amount paid for printing,	3 00
17,	H. R. Foy for Tyling,	15 00
4,	Fulton & Price,	1 50
8,	H. P. Russell,	85 50
July 22,	Donation Masonic College,	100 00
Oct. 26,	T. Burr, Jr., printing,	90 50
26,	Allowance to Grand Treasurer,	30 00
1854.		
Jan'y 3,	R. G. Rankin, (loan)	400 00
June 5,	Amount to balance,	458 33
		$1,183 83
1853.		
June 8,	By amount brought Forward,	888 83
5,	Dues received from Phœnix Chapter, No. 2,	15 00
5,	" " " Mt. Ararat, " No. 3,	30 00
5,	" " " Concord, " No. 5,	15 00
5,	" " " Temple, " No. 6,	15 00
	" " " Ureka, " No. 7,	15 00
	" " " Oxford, " No. 8,	15 00
	" " " Lafayette, " No. 11,	15 00
	" " " Chorazin, " No. 13,	15 00
	" " " Union, " No. 17,	15 00
	" " " Keystone, " No. 19,	15 00
	" " " Salisbury, " No. 20,	15 00
	" " " Lincoln, " No. 22,	15 00
	" " " Montg'm'ry, " No. 23,	15 00
	" " " ermanton, " No. 24,	15 00
	" " " Raleigh, " No. 10,	15 00
	" " " Cherokee, " No. 14,	15 00
	Dispensation for Louisburg, " No.	90 00
		$1183 83
	Balance brought down,	$458 33

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina,
In account with HENRY P. RUSSELL, *Grand Secretary.*

2854. June 5,	By dues from Phœnix Chapter, No. 2; Mt. Ararat, No. 3; Concord, No. 5; Temple, No. 6; Eureka, No. 7; Oxford, No. 8; Lafayette, No. 11; Chorazin, No. 13; Union, No. 17; Keystone, No. 19; Salisbury, No, 20; Lincoln, No. 22; Montgomery, No. 23; Germanton, No. 24, - - - - - - -	225 00
	Dispensation from Louisburg Chapter, - - -	90 00
	Dues from Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, - - - -	15 00
	" " Cherokee " No. 14, - - - -	15 00
		$345 00
	To amount paid T. W. Brown, Grand Treasurer,	$345 00

HENRY P. RUSSELL,
Grand Secretary.

Received since adjournment of Grand Chapter, $30 from Gaston Chapter, No. 18.

RETURN OF CHAPTERS

WORKING UNDER THE

Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 1—WILMINGTON.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	H. P. Russell,	H. P.
"	O. L. Fillyaw,	K.
"	R. Morris,	S.
Comp'n	J. H. Flanner,	C. H.
"	E. J. Lutterloh,	P. S.
"	D. Teller,	R. A. C.
"	M. McInnis,	M. 3d Veil.
"	M. Cronly,	M. 2d "
"	D. A. Lamont,	M. 1st "
"	J. A. Taylor,	Treasurer.
"	A. J. Howell,	Secretary.
"	H. W. Foy,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.
A. Martin, P. G. H. P.
Alex. McRae, Sr., P. H. P.
Isaac Northrop, P. H. P.
Thomas Marshall,
Thomas Cowan,
L. H. Marsteller,
D. McMillan, P. H. P.
Alex. McRae, Jr.
Treat F. Peck,
Owen Fennell,
Thos. J. Faison,
W. W. Harriss,
E. V. Kelly,
Wm. Murphy,
C. McMillan,
Alex. Lamont,
Alfred Smith,

G. R. French,
T. F. Gause,
John Christian,
Wm. C. Howard,
Thos. F. Robeson,
John Nutt,
Thos. W. Brown,
D. E. Roberts,
John D. Powers.
Wm. C. Parks,
Wm. A. Burr,
J. A. Silliman,
J. E. Metts,
T. D. Meares,
John S. James,
J. I. McDugald,
W. C. Willkings,
J. H. Allen,
A. A. Brown,
Cyrus Packard,
Jos. Green,
Jas. T. Miller,
D. A. Lamont,
R. Fenner,
A. B. Chesnut,
Wm. G. Jones,
Wm. Huntington,
Jacob Lyon,
Talcott Burr, Jr.
John Smith,
Owen Fennell,
Jas. Burney,
R. E. Troy,
J. A. Barnes,
W. E. Freeman,
H. Hirsh,
John Garwood,
C. T. Murphy,
J. H. Wright,
J. Wilkinson,
W. D. Smith,
S. Teller,
R. Maxwell,
Geo. Harriss,
J. H. Flanner,
M. C. Turrentine,
J. B. Price,
James Snow,
Saml. Langdon,
J. Mathis,

Two exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths no expulsions; no suspensions.

PHŒNIX CHAPTER, No. II—FAYETTEVILLE.

OFFICERS.

M. E. E. L. Winslow,	- -	H. P.
" J. W. Sanford,	- -	K.
" Jos. Arey,	- -	S.
" A. M. Campbell,	- -	Secretary.
" W. Prior,	- -	Treasurer.
" J. B. Walton,	- -	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

John McRae,
J. A. McLauchlin,
Isham Blake,
C. E. McIver,
Geo. Lauder,
J. B. Ferguson,
B. F. Pearce,
Alexander Ramsey.
J. D. Williams,
James Dodd,
Thos. Waddill,
E. Glover,
Jas. McDaniel,
Jos. B. Starr,
John Lawrence.

Exalted 6; Received 1.

MT. ARARAT CHAPTER, No. III—MURFREESBORO'.

OFFICERS.

M. E. A. P. Yancy.	- -	H. P.
" R. F. Hart,	- -	K.
" J. P. Bridger,	- -	S.
" J. Baugham,	- -	C. H.
" F. M. Capehart,	- -	P. S.
" W. H. Adkins,	- -	R. A. C.
" A. Britt,	- -	M. 3d V.
" J. R. Rochell,	- -	M. 2nd V.
" Saml. Darden,	- -	M. 1st. V.
" F. M. Capehart,	- -	Treasurer.
" J. A. R. Darden,	- -	Secretary.
" G. D. Parker,	- -	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Daniel Brown,
E. T. Hill,
Q. H. Trotman,
W. Leary,
Wm. T. Bynum,
Thos. Vaughan,
Wm. H. Darden,
J. P. Lee,
A. G. Jones,
John Webb,
J. T. Beamall,
John H. Bishop,
J. L. Long,
Charles Vann,
A. E. Grant.

Eight exaltations; no withdrawals; no suspensions; no deaths; no expulsions; no rejections.

ROANOKE CHAPTER, No. IV—HALIFAX.

No Returns.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. V—TARBOROUGH.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	James Mehegan,	H. P.
"	Henry T. Clark,	K.
"	Elisha Cromwell,	S.
Comp'n	Wm. S. Long,	C. H.
"	Josiah S. Pender,	P. S.
"	Wm. S. Duggin,	R. A. C.
"	Wm. Harrell,	G. M. 3d V.
"	Kenneth Thigpen,	G. M. 2d V.
"	John Knight,	G. M. 1st V.
"	Wm. Norfleet,	Treasurer.
"	Louis C. Pender,	Secretary.
"	Andrew J. Cotton,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Benjamin M. Jackson,	Arthur S. Mooring,
Daniel S. Crenshaw,	Josse H. Drake,
Benjamin Batts,	John F. Huges,
P. S. Sugg,	John R. Mercer,
Bedden Daughtery,	Wm. Andrews,
Arthur Freeman,	Louis Bond,
John Mooring,	R. H. Pender,
James Nelson,	W. H. Smith.
Wm. F. Mercer,	John H. Drake,
Josiah D. Jenkins,	A. J. Cotten,
M. Worsley,	Nathan Adams.

Three exaltations; no rejections; seven withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. VI—WINDSOR.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Benj. J. Spruill,	- -	H. P.
" G. W. McGlauhon,	- -	K.
" Rob't H. Smith,	- -	S.
Comp'n J. H. Cherry,	- -	P. S.
" R. A. Parker,	- -	C. H.
" Wm. Gurley,	- -	R. A. C.
" B. B. Russell,	- -	G. M. 3d V.
" Rev. David Harrell,	- -	G. M. 2d V.
" Wm. F. Ellis,	- -	G. M. 1st V.
" Z. L. Simms,	- -	Treasurer.
" Peter Humberry,	- -	Secretary.
" J. S. Sheppard,	- -	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

K. Biggs,
P. H. Winston,
A. H. Thompson,
Thos. W. Reddick,
W. R. Swann,
Thos. H. Speller.
J. H. Bunch,
C. Wilson,
S. B. Spruill,
Augustus Holley.

Three exaltations; no rejections; one withdrawal; no deaths; no expulsions.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. VII—NEWBERN.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Peter Custis,	H. P.
"	John Harvey,	K.
"	M. A. Outten,	S.
Comp'n	John D. Flanner,	C. H.
"	John D. Whitford,	P. S.
"	I. Disosway,	R. A. C.
"	Alex. Miller,	G. M. 3d V.
"	S. D. Sparrow,	G. M. 2nd V.
"	L. R. Clark,	G M. 1st. V.
"	E. R. Stanly,	Treasurer.
"	Chas. S. Allen,	Secretary.
"	T. Page Ricaud,	Chaplain.
"	Wm. H. Jones,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

A. T. Jerkins,
E. W. Montford,
W. C. Hunter,
T. R. Wilson,
W. B. Wellons,
James Hayward,
George Green,
F. B. Harrison,
Allen Blount,
James A. May,
W. R. Frizzle,
John A. Murrill,
O. S. Griffin,
David Marshall,
Levi A. Mewburn,
M. L. F. Redd,
Jos. A. Hartley,
Richard D. Warren,
Ed. R. Coward,
Oliver S. Dewey,
Jacob Utley,
Wm. J. Pope,
Jesse Hart,
Frances Herritt,
Jos. Whitty,
F. S. Humphrey,
J. A. Hodge,
John Shackleford,
Isaac Ramsey,
R. A. Russell,
A. F. N. Rolfe,
C. S. Primrose,
Wm. A. Pugh,
Calvin Cox,
J. M. Patrick.

Seventeen exaltations; no rejections; one withdrawal; two deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

OXFORD CHAPTER, No. VIII—OXFORD.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Z. M. Paschall,	- -	H. P.
E. L. Latham,	- -	K.
" E. H. Hicks,	- -	S.
Comp'n A. F. Spencer,	- -	C. H.
" Wm. A. Philpot,	- -	P. S.
" W. Barford,	- -	R. A. C.
" J. T. Littlejohn,	- -	G. M. 3d Veil.
" J. H. Strum,	- -	G. M. 2d "
" Thos. H. Kaney.	- -	G. M. 1st "
" T. L. Hargrove,	- -	Secretary.
" R. W. Lassiter,	- -	Treasurer.
" R. J. Devin,	- -	Chaplain.
" Wm. Daws,	- -	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

J. E. Allen,
L. H. Bullock,
J. D. Bullock,
R. J. Deven,
Wm. Daws,
Wm. T. Ezell,
J. B. Green,
E. H. Hicks,
Archibald Taylor,
S. F. Venable,
A. F. Spencer,
R. P. Taylor,
D. S. Wilkinson,
J. S. Overby.
T. L. Hargrave,
L. Latham,
R. W. Lassiter,
J. T. Littlejohn,
Z. M. Paschall,
D. A. Paschall,
L. A. Paschall,
Wm. A. Philpot,
G. Wortham,
T. H. Rainey,
Jas. H. Strum,
L. C. Taylor,
J. R. Fuller,

Two exaltations; one withdrawals; one suspension; no deaths.

WARREN CHAPTER, No. IX—WARRENTON.

No Returns.

RALEIGH CHAPTER, No. X—RALEIGH.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	John R. Harrison,	High Priest.
"	Chas. H. Johnson,	King.
"	Dabney Cosby,	Scribe.
Comp'n	Jas. T. Marriott,	C. of the Host.
"	Albert Johnson,	Prin. Sojourner.
"	Wm. H. High,	R. A. Captain.
"	T. J. Utley,	G. M. 3d V.
"	D. B. Griffin,	G. M. 2nd V.
"	Eldridge Smith,	G. M. 1st V.
"	W. D. Haywood,	Secretary.
"	C. W. D. Hutchings,	Treasurer.
"	James S. Terrell,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Alston A. Jones,
William F. Collins,
Willie D. Jones,
Rob't W. Seawell,
William T. Bain,
John W. Cosby,
James D. Newsom,
Jos. D. Powell,
J. M. Lovejoy,
Wm. D. Cooke,
William G. Hill,
E. Yarbrough, Sr.
W. J. Clark,
R. T. Heflin,
J. O. Jeffreys,
C. J. Rogers,
S. D. Beavers,
H. W. Miller,
Jas. M. Harriss,
John Kane.

No exaltations; no rejections; one withdrawal; one death; no expulsions; no suspensions.

LAFAYETTE CHAPTER, No. XI—HILLSBOROUGH.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	H. K. Nash,	H. P.
"	William Nelson,	K.
"	D. D. Phillips,	S.
Comp'n	Thomas Webb,	P. S.
"	Pride Jones,	C. H.
"	S. D. Schoolfield,	R. A. C.
"	Jas. M. Palmer,	G. M. 3d V.
"	A. C. Murdock,	G. M. 2d V.
"	William Dickson,	G. M. 1st V.
"	Joseph Allison,	Treasurer.
"	John D. Wilboro,	Secretary.
"	J. J. Freeland,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

H. K. Nash,
William Nelson,
D. D. Phillips,
Thomas Webb,
Pride Jones,
John D. Wilbon,
D. A. Montgomery,
John Q. Anderson,
Wm. F. Bason,
Wm. McCown,
John C. Douglass,
John F. Lyon,
Samuel P. Moore,
Thomas Howerton,
S. D. Schoolfield,
J. M. Palmer,
A. C. Murdock,
William Dickson,
Joseph Allison,
John J. Freeland,
Gaston D. Cobb,
John McCown,
John J. Allison,
B. L. Durham,
Alex. Dickson,
Antonio DiMartino,
George Laws,

One exaltation; one rejection; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions.

CONOHO CHAPTER, No. XII—HAMILTON.

No returns.

CHORAZIN CHAPTER, No. XIII—GREENSBOROUGH.

OFFICERS.

M. E. C. P. Mendenhall,	- -	H. P.
" John L. Cote,	- -	K.
" Robt. Mitchell,	- -	S.
Comp'n R. F. Armfield,	- -	C. H.
" Joab Hiattt,	- -	P. S.
" J. W. Howlet,	- -	R. A. C.
" J. F. Howlet,	- -	G. M. 3d V.
" J. B. Hoskins,	- -	G. M. 2d V.
" W. R. Unthank,	- -	G. M. 1st V.
" J. A. Houston,	- -	Treasurer.
" T. C. Albright,	- -	Secretary.
" H. J. Warren,	- -	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

Ralph Gorrell,
Jed. H. Lindsay,
Wm. H. Cumming,
Peter Adams,
Peter Thurston,
Orestes Smallwood,
John Hiatt,
A. S. Andrews,
David McKnight,
Joseph A. Waverly,
B. Craven,
Eli F. Watson,
John O. Holt,
J. P. Simpson,
E. O. Macy,
D. N. Sherwood,
John Kerr,
George G. Walker,
Wm. P. Mattington,
Wm. Henderson,
James M. Millis,
Wm. H. Reid,
W. J. McElroy,
N. M. Gardner,
S. G. Coffin,
Johannes Kuhl,
John C. Lamb,
John Eady,
Haley Brown,
Dempsey Brown,
S. W. McKnight,
William Gott,
R. W. Denny,
J. D. Donnell,
Edwin Watson,
R. N. McCulloch,
A. T. Gorrell,
Joseph Sears,
John A. Graves,
P. A. Holt,

Henry Snider,
Charles Colbey,
Jacob Hurdle,
J. B. Gretter,
A. P. Sperry,
John Ireland.

Seven exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

CHEROKEE CHAPTER, No. XIV—HERTFORD.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	J. W. Albertson,	H. P.
"	Willis H. Bagley,	King.
"	Dempsey Barclift,	Scribe.
Comp'n	George H. Greer,	C. H.
"	Jos. G. Granberry,	P. S.
"	J. M. Cox,	R. A. C.
"	M. D. Hathaway,	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	J. M. White,	" 2d "
"	Wm. Small,	" 1st "
"	Richard Felton,	Treasurer.
"	Edwin Bruce,	Secretary.
"	John G. Berry,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

James V. Reed,
Darius White,
Robert C. Jenkins,
Mathew O. Jordan,
George F. Dozzett,
John H. Hinton,
James R. Hoffler,
Rufus K. Speed,
Thos. Palmer,
Rev. Evan Forbes,
Malichi Boushell,
Wm. H. Harrell,
Rev. John A. Doll,

Four exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawal; one death; no expulsions; no suspensions.

UNION CHAPTER, No. XVII—DUPLIN.

OFFICERS.

M. E. Thomas Wright,	- -	H. P.
" D. Bowden,	- -	K.
" J. W. Blount,	- -	S.
Comp'n J. Winders,	- -	C. H.
" Henry Grimes,	- -	P. S.
" J. R. Hurst,	- -	R. A. C.
" Henry Swinson,	- -	G. M. 3d Veil.
" W. Cooper,	- -	" 2d "
" David Wright,	- -	" 1st "
" J. G. Dickson,	- -	Secretary.
" J. W. Millard,	- -	Treasurer.
" D. B. Newton,	- -	Steward.

MEMBERS.

C. D. Hill,
H. W. Faison,
Wm. J. Hill,
A. R. Hicks,
F. O. Wilson,
Joel Loftin,
D. R. Kornegay,
L. W. Humphreys,
W. F. Pollock,
Daniel Swinson,
L. R. Loftin,
R. C. Bowden,
D. Bowden,
A. Guy.
F. B. Millard,
L. F. Carr,
H. F. Murphy,
W. H. G. Sykes,
Everett Peterson,
R. L. Wooten,
H. H. Hodges,
J. McDuffie.
J. R. Hatch,
J. J. Baker,
J. F. Williams,
David Watkins,
Speight Hill,

Three exaltations; no rejections; five withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

GASTON CHAPTER, No. XVIII—ROXBOROUGH

No returns.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. XIX—PLYMOUTH.

OFFICERS.

M. E. J. Ramsey,	- -	High Priest.
" J. McC. Boyle,	- -	King.
" J. A. Spruill,	- -	Scribe.
Comp'n H. A. Gilliam,	- -	C. H.
" Wm. Bagley,	- -	P. S.
" J. Kelly,	- -	R. A. C.
" F. F. Fagan,	- -	G. M. 3d Veil.
" E. Jones,	- -	" 2d "
" J. F. F. Phelps,	- -	" 1st "
" H. B. Short,	- -	Secretary.
" T. B. Nicholls,	- -	Treasurer.
" Silas Murray,	- -	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John Brown,	James Magee,
E. Hanks,	J. W. Tucker,
W. H. Bobbitt,	J. W. Sikes,
Warren W. Ward,	Thos. P. White,
E. H. White,	J. E. Pender,
Alfred Mitchell,	Wm. W. Ward,
G. W. Price,	C. G. Phelps,
Hezekiah Owens,	John Simmons,

Two exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

SALISBURY CHAPTER, No. XX—SALISBURY.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	A. H. Caldwell,	H. P.
"	D. A. Davis,	K.
"	A. M. Nesbitt,	S.
Comp'n	M. Richwine,	C. H.
"	J. A. Holt,	P. S.
"	Alex. Murdoch,	R. A. C.
"	Chas. Lippard,	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	C. Coffin,	G. M. 2d "
"	John Taylor,	G. M. 1st "
"	J. D. Ramsey,	Secretary.
"	Jos. F. Chambers,	Treasurer.
"	O. Woodson,	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

Hand James,
Luke Blackmer,
John M. Coffin,
Chas. L. Partee,
Henry C. Simonton,
David W. Honeycutt,
A. D. Montgomery,
J. G. Ramsay,
Braxton Bailey,
William Hunter,
David D. Salmon,
Purcel Thompson,
A. P. Alsabrook,
George Riley,
Baxter Clegg,
Turner Pinckston,
Rob't S. Yong,
James Morplous,
G. W. Johnston,
H. R. Austin,
A. A. Harbin,
Lewis Gumb,
R. P. Bessent,
H. H. Dent,
Jas. A. Johnston,
Ezekiel Myers,
Daniel Coleman,
Joseph A. Worth,
John Kelly,
James Parcoe,
John J. Shaver,
Rob't Burns,
A. M. Booe,
Thomas Trotter,
Jehu Hanks,
Saml Taylor,
John W. Ellis,
Alex. Springs,
John G. Bynum,
A. Honeycutt,
Geo. W. Farabee,
Sam'l Rose,
T. J. Bryen,
John Taylor,
J. B. Jones,
A. G. Holder,
R. D. VanDusen,
Horace Lazelle,

D. B. Wood,
R. S. Milton,
Sam'l Taylor,
Thos. A. Burk,
J. W. Wiseman,
F. M. Ross.

Thirteen exaltations; no rejections; eleven withdrawals; two deaths; no suspensions; no expulsions.

LINCOLN CHAPTER, No. XXII—LINCOLNTON.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	William Sloan,	High Priest.
"	Elisha S. Barrett,	King.
"	Jas. T. Alexander,	Scribe.
Comp'n	A. W. Burton,	C. of the Host.
"	L. P. Henderson,	Prin. Sojourner.
"	A. W. Gillespie,	R. A. Captain.
"	B. F. Biggs,	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	J. A. Caldwell,	" 2nd "
"	M. King,	" 1st "
"	D. A. Jenkins,	Secretary.
"	Z. A. Moss,	Treasurer.
"	J. A. Jetton,	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

J. Q. Carpenter,
Thos. W. Branburn,
M. J. Aydlott,
H. W. Hudson,
A. J. Hause,
Dr. J. M. Happold,
J. C. Smith,
Abram Myers.

Residents not members. Rev. S. Lander.

Three exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. XXIII—MONTGOMERY.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Calvin W. Wooley, - -	H. P.
"	J. H. Montgomery, - -	K.
"	S. H. Christian, - -	S.
Comp'n	A. H. Ricardson, - -	C. H.
"	G. H. Makepeace, - -	P. S.
"	C. J. Cockran, - -	R. A. C.
"	J. B. Ballard, - -	G. M. 3d V.
"	Wm. G. Deberry, - -	" 2d "
"	P. P. Ballard, - -	" 1st "
"	James M. Lilly, - -	Secretary.
"	Owen Hadley, - -	Treasurer.
"	Jas. C. Andrews, - -	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

James W. McRae,
N. B. Miller,
John Boggan,
S. M. Ballard,
R. T. Steele,
R. S. Allen,
P. W. Wooley,
Davidson Hearne,
Alex. McRae,
Wm. McRae,
J. T. Mathison,
J. Luther,
A. S. McLennan,
D. S. Munroe,
J. O. Ross.

Eight exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

GERMANTON CHAPTER, No. XXIV—GERMANTON.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	J. S. Gibson,	- -	H. P.
"	W. W. Stedman,	- -	K.
"	D. F. Dalton,	- -	S.
"	Lee R. Gibson,	- -	C. H.
"	G. M. Everhart,	- -	R. A. C.
"	H. M. Grium,	- -	P. S.
"	J. W. Gibson,	- -	G. M. 3d Veil.
"	M. R. Banner,	- -	" 2d "
"	Dr. B. Jones,	- -	" 1st "
"	R. Smith,	- -	Secretary.
"	W. N. Gibson,	- -	Treasurer.
"	J. Atwood,	- -	G.

Four exaltations; one rejection; two withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter

OF

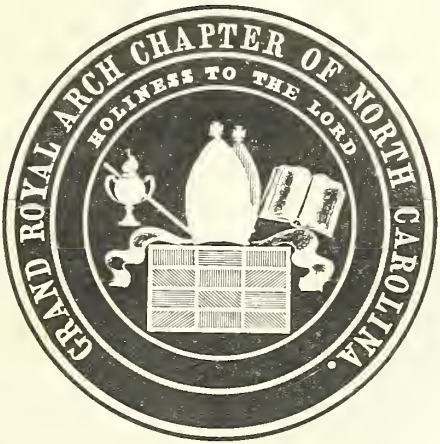
NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

Ninth Annual Convocation,

In Wilmington, N. C., on Monday the fourth day of June,

A. L. 5855, A. I. 2385, A. D. 1855.



WILMINGTON, N C..... HERALD OFFICE.

1855.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina.

To

H. P. of *Chapter No.*

You are hereby ordered to cause the Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter to be read in your Chapter within two months after receipt.

PETER CUSTIS, *G. H. P.*

Attest,

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of N. Carolina,

Begun and held in the Hall of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, in Wilmington, N. C., the fourth day of June, A. L. 5855, A. I. 2385, A. D. 1855.

PRESENT.

M. E.	Robert G. Rankin, - - -	G. H. P.	
"	John A. Taylor, - - - -	G. K.	p. t.
"	L. R. Loftin, - . - - -	G. S.	"
	Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P., -	G. M.	"
	P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.,	G. P. S.	"
	T. W. Brown, - - - -	G. R. A. C.	"
	T. Page Ricaud, - - -	G. M. 3d V.	"
	H. P. Russell, - - - -	G. M. 2d V.	"
	M. Cronly, - - - - -	G. M. 1st V.	"
	H. P. Russell, - - - -	G. Sec'y.	
	H. W. Foy, - - - - -	G. Tyler.	

The Grand Chapter opened in solemn form, with prayer by Reverend Companion T. Page Ricaud, G. C., p. t.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Committee:

On Credentials—Comp'ns T. W. Brown and C. H. Jordan.

The Minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

H. P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY MORNING, June 5, 9 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. Robert G. Rankin, - - -	G. H. P.
E. C. H. Jordan, P. D. G. H. P.,	G. K. p. t.
E. Peter Custis, - - - - -	G. S.
E. J. Lutterloh, - - - -	G. M. p. t.
L. R. Loftin, - - - - -	G. P. S.
J. B. Ferguson, - - - -	G. R. A. C.
Thomas Wright, - - - -	G. M. 3d V.
L. Latham, - - - - -	G. M. 2d V. p. t.
James C. Turner, - - -	G. M. 1st V. "
H. P. Russell, - - - -	G. Secretary.
T. W. Brown, - - - - -	G. Treasurer.
H. W. Foy, - - - - -	G. Tyler.
Rev. T. Page Ricaud, - - - -	G. C., p. t.

Comp's H. W. Foison, C. F. Dewey, J. B. Griswold, M. Cronly, L. D. Farmer, W. G. Thomas, R. Morris, P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., J. A. Taylor, Isaac Northrop, P. D. G. H P., A. Martin, P. G. H. P.

The Committee on Credentials, through Comp'n Thos. W. Brown, chairman, made the following report:

Your Committee report the following Representatives from their respective Chapters, as properly entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

Concord,	No. 1....	H. P. Russell, H. P., P. for K. and S.
Phœnix,	No. 2....	Jas. B. Ferguson, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Concord,	No. 5....	Wm. G. Thomas, P. for H. P.
Eureka,	No. 7....	Peter Custis, H. P., K. and S.
Oxford,	No. 8....	L. Latham, H. P. and K.
Lafayette,	No. 11....	Jas. C. Turner, H. P., K. and S.
Chorazin,	No. 13....	T. P. Ricaud, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Cherokee,	No. 14....	E. J. Lutterloh, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Union,	No. 17....	Thomas Wright, H. P.
Gaston,	No. 18....	C. H. Jordan, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Lincoln,	No. 22....	M. Cronly, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Montgomery,	No. 23....	Thos. W. Brown, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Ashville,	No. 25....	John A. Taylor, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Keystone,	No. 19....	P. W. Fanning, Delegate.

T. W. BROWN, }
C. H. JORDAN, } *Committee.*

On motion of Comp'n H. P. Russell,

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with, each member being furnished with a printed copy.

An invitation was received from the Committee from Concord Chapter, No. 1, to participate in an excursion to the Black Fish Ground, and requesting them to name a day convenient for their attendance, which on motion, was accepted for to-morrow, (Wednesday) morning.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Committees:

On Unfinished Business—L. D. Farmer, T. P. Ricaud.

On Charters and Dispensations—A. Martin, J. B. Ferguson, L. Latham, M. Cronly, T. Wright.

On Returns and Proceedings of Sub-Chapters—P. Custis, J. C. Turner, E. J. Lutterloh, W. G. Thomas, J. A. Taylor.

The M. E. G. H. P. submitted his Annual Report:

Companions:

The hour of "refreshment" has passed. We are about to resume labor and revive once more those pleasant tokens of friendship which so strongly unite in the bonds of brotherly love the various portions of our State—to form anew, by the mystic influences of the Masonic tie, those better feelings of our nature which, having for their broad basis brotherly love, liberality and charity, must necessarily be engendered in this, our annual intercourse.

In discharging the important duties now devolved upon us, it becomes us, as men and Masons, humbly to prostrate ourselves in the presence of the Supreme Grand High Priest in supplication for His wisdom and counsel; His wisdom to enlighten, His counsel to guide us.

In returning an account of my stewardship for the Grand Royal Arch Year just closed, I regret that I am unable to give a more flattering account of our progress. The year has not been a propitious one for Masonry. In the European World strife exists—in our country, the minds of men have been strongly pre-occupied by the financial storm which has swept from State to State, and in none more sensibly felt than in our own.

Only two new Chapters have been organized upon application properly recommended. I granted a Dispensation to the Companions in and about Goldsboro', to form a Chapter styled Goldsboro' Chapter; and a Dispensation was issued to Graham Chapter by Deputy Grand High Priest, E. Myers. I presume their proceedings will be presented to you, and a Charter granted at this session.

The appointment of a Grand Lecturer was left with me, but I have not been able to procure the services of a Companion, willing to undertake the responsible duty upon the conditions imposed. It is very desirable to obtain the services of some one competent; but it is doubtless to our interest, if unable to offer sufficient pecuniary inducement, to wait until we shall have the strength; in the meantime, new Chapters will have to rely, for instruction, upon the many bright Companions to be found in every portion of our State.

Pursuant to your instructions I gave the requisite notice, and with the valuable legal assistance of Comp'n Robert Strange, submitted an Act of Incorporation for the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, to the Legislature of this State, lately in session. Its passage was placed in charge of Comp'n Dugald McMillan, the representative from this County, under whose care, and with the aid of others, friendly, it became a law. A certified copy has been procured, duly enframed, and is ready for your inspection. I also procured a seal for the use of the Grand Chapter, and herewith present it to you.

I have heard of nothing arising to disturb our social harmony, and fully believe, that with the disposition of all Royal Arch Masons within our jurisdiction, to adhere to the ancient land marks, to abide strictly by Masonic law and usage, that we have but little fear of any question arising to destroy our unity or place us in the boundless sea of agitation. That we may always exclaim, "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," is my earnest wish, my earnest prayer.

Not receiving a copy of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, I addressed a communication to the General Grand Secretary, and have recently

received copies, and present them for your perusal. As it is more appropriately the duty of your Committee on Foreign Correspondence to review them, I refrain from any lengthened comments, and particularly, as it is probable that in the discussion of a resolution introduced at your late convocation, to which I shall presently allude, the proceedings will be fully discussed. The Royal and Select Degrees have received attention, and being disclaimed by the General Grand Chapter, we have no jurisdiction over them. They are, in my opinion, too valuable to be lost, and I earnestly recommend to your deliberation the adoption or recommendation of some plan by which they may be continued. Our position in regard to the order of High Priesthood, has been sustained, and this question, we may venture to suggest, should now be put at rest. The establishment of a Representative Fund was negatived by a large and decisive majority.

One great object of the General Grand Chapter being to establish uniformity of work, I noticed with regret, that upon the exemplification of the work as established, that a motion to discuss differences was not sanctioned. It is only by free discussion, by a free interchange of opinion, by a courteous disposition to hear fair reasoning on both sides of any question, that we may arrive at *truth*, that conflicting opinions may be made to accord. And that there existed a vast difference of opinion as to the work of the General Grand Chapter as established at its session of 1850, and exemplified at the convocation of 1858, is clearly evidenced by the detailed vote taken upon the report of the minority of the "Committee on Work."

"That in their opinion, the said work, more especially as respects the Royal Arch Degree, is so contrary to, and subversive of the land marks of Free Masonry, that they cannot, consistently with their obligations as Royal Arch Masons, recommend the same for adoption." This report, clothed as it is in strong language, was supported by bright Masons, and was only rejected by a vote of 42 to 38.

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The question being virtually decided by the General Grand Officers. It may be proper for me to say, that but for the illness of your delegate, this Grand Chapter would have been represented, and her four votes sustained the minority of the Committee.

And it is further evidenced, that any degree of confidence was not secured by the vote thus taken, a resolution having, towards the close of the convocation, been introduced by Comp'n Rapperl, of Mississippi, declaring the inability of that Grand Convocation adopting any particular mode and providing for a General Convention to be held in May, 1855. If, then, those from whom it is our duty and pleasure to seek light, exhibit such distrust, may it not reasonably be expected that the uniformity thus attempted by the Parent Head will be received with suspicion and must eventually fail? Such must necessarily be the effect.

A resolution introduced at our last session, proposing a withdrawal from the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, will require your attentive consideration, and from the feeling exhibited on both sides, will claim your patience and forbearance. The question is simply one of advantages and disadvantages of our connection—whether to us it is not an entangling alliance, calculated to prevent us from pushing forward, from an increase of subordinates, even

from an increase of good and true Companions, without one corresponding advantage. In our infancy, the opposition then apparent was reluctantly yielded, as it was thought our adhesion would strengthen us, promote harmony, and exercise a favorable influence upon Sister Grand Chapters, refusing to acknowledge allegiance. But such has not been the result of our expectations—as we have grown, the feeling of opposition then exhibited, has grown with us.

The General Grand Chapter, it is contended, has failed in its mission, cannot secure the confidence of all the Grand Chapters, and in my opinion, so long as but a portion of the Sister Grand Chapters acknowledge it as the Fountain Head of Royal Arch Masonry, while others disclaim allegiance, it cannot accomplish its great ends—that it had better cease to exist, and if such an institution is necessary, that one be established upon such a foundation that *all* may meet under its broad banner, and *all* acknowledge it as the source of "light."

The many unsuccessful efforts made to create a similar head for the symbolic degrees, clearly proves that a supreme head is not needed, that Masonic sentiment is against it, and that if the question of the creation of the present General Grand Chapter was now for the first time agitated, it could not be established.

There are several points to which I could ask your attention, but I have no disposition to enter fully into the merits of this question, thereby anticipating you in your discussion.

The General Grand Constitution has received important amendments, and should you decide to continue subordinate to that Grand Body, it would be proper to appoint a committee, to which theirs with our Grand Constitution, might be referred for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not they are in any of their particulars in conflict.

The fifth section of the third article of the General Grand Constitution *recognizes* all worthy companions, hailing from without the jurisdiction of the United States, though they may not be in possession of the subordinate degrees, and authorizes Chapters under its jurisdiction to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, on such as have not received them (free of charge), that they may thereby be healed, and become *regular* Royal Arch Masons. Here then is a conflict in practice between this and foreign countries; in the one requiring only the Royal Arch degree to create a true and worthy companion; in the other, requiring all the degrees above enumerated, and, in the cases of companions from abroad, a resort to the process of "healing" previous to pronouncing them *regular* Royal Arch Masons. In England the subordinate degrees are subject to and controlled by the Grand Lodge; while in some countries, they are considered what they really are, honorary degrees, and are not conferred previous to the Arch; Chapters being independent of and exercising an independent jurisdiction. In this country alone are they deemed necessary as preparatory for exaltation to the sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason, and, as far as my information extends, they were not originally so conferred, but became subject to "Chapters" at a date succeeding the introduction of Royal Arch Masonry into the United States.

These countries, thus differing from us in practice, have been long established, and were in possession of the mysteries and traditions of Masonry, ages before the discovery of America, and it is to be presumed that their mode

may be correct; it has the sanction of the General Grand Chapter in the section of the Constitution referred to, and in the mind of one well versed in the history of the degrees as handed down to us—showing as it does a direct connection with ancient craft Masonry—a reasonable doubt is raised, if the conviction is not inevitable, as to the correctness of their position as conferred with us.

Masonry prides herself upon her antiquity, her universality, her sameness throughout the world, that her expressions of joy or sympathy can be poured into the attentive ear of every tribe; and all nations, from the barbarous savage to the most refined and enlightened, can frame to pronounce her language, and are ever ready to respond to its demands for assistance or its calls for charity; but this difference does exist, and these remarks are simply submitted, with the view of drawing information, not only as to the cause, but as to the propriety of placing them as we do under the jurisdiction and control of Chapters.

In conclusion, I have again to return my thanks to the Companions of this Grand Chapter; their counsels have guided me, their strength has supported me, their confidence has cheered me. I am not disposed to shrink from any duty that may be imposed upon me, and shall ever bear a deep and lasting impression of the kindness shown me by my repeated elevation to this distinguished office, but it is full time another should be appointed to fill this chair. I have already held it too long, and feel confident that among so many, you may find one, not more willing, but more able to serve you.

I pledge you once more my devotion to Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT G. RANKIN, *G. H. P.*

On motion of Comp'n Ferguson,

Resolved, That the Report of the G. H. P. be received and spread upon the Minutes; and, also, that it be referred to a Special Committee for the disposal of its several subjects.

Committee—Comp'ns Ferguson, Lutterloh and Ricaud.

The report of the D. G. H. P. was submitted by the G. Secretary, which on motion was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

Most Excellent Robert G. Rankin,

Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

M. E. Sir and Companions:

Imperative business engagements at home deprive me of the pleasure of meeting with you at the present Convocation of the Grand Chapter. I herein submit you a synopsis of my official acts during the present year.

On the 27th June, I granted a Dispensation to sundry Companions of Alamance County, at the recommendation of Lafayette Chapter, No. 11, to open a Royal Arch Chapter in the town of Graham, under the name of "Graham,"

and appointed Companions E. F. Watson, High Priest, Pleasant A. Holt, King, and Alfred Apple, Scribe—the application I herein transmit to you; the dispensation fee I have already transmitted.

In August I visited Asheville Chapter, No. While there I installed the officers, exemplified the work, and conferred several Degrees.

On the 27th December, by invitation, I visited Lincoln Chapter, No. 22, and installed the officers publicly; while there I exemplified the work, and conferred all of the degrees upon several candidates.

I visited Chorazin Chapter, No. 13, in April, and conferred the several degrees upon three candidates.

In taking leave of your Grand Body in my official capacity, permit me to tender to you, and through you to the Grand Chapter, my heart-felt acknowledgments for the high honors so repeatedly conferred upon me.

Truly and fraternally yours,

E. MYERS, *D. G. H. P.*

SALISBURY, *May 29th*, 1855.

Comp'n FANNING, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report:

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, appointed at your last Convocation, respectfully Report: That the Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters have been placed in their hands, to wit—Kentucky, Illinois and Maryland, for 1853; Virginia, Vermont, Connecticut, Maine, Florida, Michigan, Indiana, Missouri, Louisiana, Ohio, Alabama and Arkansas, for 1853 and '54; Mississippi, for 1853, '54 and '55; Georgia, Texas and Wisconsin, for 1854; Proceedings of a Convention for the organization of the G. R. A. Chapter of California, for 1854; and also for the G. Chapter of Iowa; Constitution of the G. R. A. Chapter of Indiana; Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut, for 1854; Book of Constitutions of the G. R. A. Chapter of South Carolina; Eighteenth Annual Report of Teachers, &c. of the Baltimore Collegiate Institute for Ladies; Extract from the Report of the New York Committee on the subject of a General Grand Lodge; and last, not least, the Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, held in the City of Lexington, Ky., September, 1853, presenting, as may be supposed, an invaluable amount of Masonic matter, worthy the various enlightened sources of its emanation, and entitled to the most respectful consideration of this and every other Grand Chapter, and of every individual Royal Arch Mason.

In reviewing these documents, were the Committee to quote from their pages with unrestrained freedom or comment thereon, even to a palliative extent, the proportions of their Report would be distorted to a magnitude so distasteful as, perhaps, to prejudice that wholesome consideration which a more discreet course would have induced. Under these considerations, your Committee will be pardoned for not noticing, to the extent of their inclinations, the voluminous Proceedings in their possession; contenting themselves, in their investigations and references, by a compliance with the ordinary rules of

courtesy and the reasonable demands upon their labors for a faithful exhibition of all questions and transactions, affecting the interests of the Royal Craft, of which they may have cognizance.

Opinions entertained by your Committee—or rather by the Chairman thereof—antagonistical to the known views of those of reputed intellect and high Masonic position, tend somewhat to embarrass them in the preparation of their Report—not that they are distrustful in any respect of the soundess of their convictions—but from the apprehension that, possibly, their efforts may be mis-spent by the production of an offering not altogether in accordance with the just expectations of their Companions. But no one, especially a Mason, should ever fear to combat error, or falter in a commendable perseverance for the maintenance of sound principles.

General Grand Chapter.—The Proceedings of this august Body, being first in importance, claim precedence in your Committee's respects. Its last triennial session was held in the City of Lexington, Ky., Sept., 1853, and numbered Representatives from nineteen jurisdictions, viz. Alabama, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Michigan, New York, New Hampshire, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Vermont and Arkansas. The brightest Masonic intellects of the land were congregated in that Grand Body; and there is no reason to doubt but that every individual present was prompted, in discharging his duties, by a sincere desire to promote the prosperity and general good of the Order. As the wisest cannot scrutinize into futurity, nor unravel its mysteries with unerring precision, so could no human foresight have insured for the legislative proceedings under consideration, a full realization of all the benefits even most reasonably to have been anticipated.

Frequent complaints are heard of the legislative action of the General G. C. The Committee are not blind to the imperfections existing in the present organization of the General Grand Chapter—equally so with every department of the Masonic structure—and with the sometimes injudicious legislation consequent thereon; but, the fountain must be purified, if we look for wholesome and refreshing streams; for, after all, the General Grand Chapter is but a congregation of the subordinates, who, in that capacity, make laws for their own government, and frequently thereafter complain of what themselves have done. Were the whole government placed in the hands of the Committee, they have not the vanity to think it would be bettered, or that they would have the ability to harmonize prevailing discordancies. This much they do assert, that no reasonable individual sacrifice should be considered too great for the accomplishment of so important a desideratum.

The most important decisions of the General Grand Chapter are as follows, to wit:

1. That no Grand Chapter can define the duties or powers of a Council of High Priests—that the anointment is unnecessary; but that, in deference to long established usages, the same be recommended to every newly elected High Priest at his earliest convenience.
2. That it is incompetent for Chapters to confer the degrees upon candidates whose physical defects are such as to prevent them from conforming literally to all the requirements thereof.
3. That jurisdiction is not claimed over the degree of Past Master, so far as the Master elect of a symbolic Lodge is concerned.

4. That the officers of Grand Chapters possess no powers, incidental or otherwise, except such as the Constitutions or express authority confer.
5. That any and all jurisdiction or control over the Degree of Royal and Select Master is disclaimed; and that no question relative thereto shall hereafter be entertained while in their present position.

In respect to Decision No. 1, touching the Order of High Priesthood, it is familiar to the Companions that our Grand Body, in 1853, anticipated the action of the General Grand Chapter, by placing it beyond the pale of that fostering protection which it has hitherto enjoyed. It is still, however, permitted by the General Grand Chapter to breathe in our assemblies, without acknowledged parentage, and is very considerately *recommended* to the embrace of those worthy elect, who alone are entitled to the "*honorarium.*" The Committee, unable to perceive the *honor* attending an insignificant ceremony, or the piquancy of the arguments adduced thus to render it, will, notwithstanding, as in duty bound, bow in submission to superior authority. May not the Blue Lodge be induced to profit by the example thus set, and place the Past Master's Degree in the same category?

In regard to all the Degrees beyond the Symbolic, especially beyond the Royal Arch, it might not prove altogether so palatable to scrutinize too closely even into *their* claims to legitimacy. Who will deny that the more you advance in Masonry beyond the Masters' Degree, the more you recede from its most cherished and sublime precepts? And still, as you hopelessly press forward, do you continue to destroy its universality, tending every step to become more and more exclusive,—until finally, when at the summit, you look back and discover the multitude, whose consciences, perhaps, were not as elastic as your own, faltering and exhausted by the way side.

In recent Masonic publications, it is stated that, in order to be duly respected abroad, Masons should, before leaving for the Continent, advance even beyond the Templar Degrees—and further, *that none but those who have higher Degrees than that of Royal Arch, make any way in Masonry abroad.*" Whenever it comes to this, that exclusiveness is to become the order of the day, and that real, genuine, ancient craft Masonry has to blush in the company of pretended superiors, the Committee will be ready to sever the bonds into which they have been betrayed, and to advocate the abolishment of all assimilated organizations cherishing sentiments tending to such pernicious tendencies.

Decision No. 2, in regard to the physical defects of candidates, is a difficult subject to legislate upon; the Resolution cannot literally be carried out. The true spirit is, according to the views of the Committee, to admit no one into the Order, whether morally, or physically, or mentally defective, who might be liable, under existing circumstances, to become a burthen.

Blue Lodges always claimed the prerogative of installing their own Masters. Resolution No. 3 only confirms it.

Decision No. 5 gives a quietus to the Royal and Select Masters' Degrees; and they would seem now to be afloat. Many Royal Arch Masons in North Carolina, and most of those in Wilmington, have taken these Degrees in a Chapter, some few in a Council formerly established here—the charter of which, dated January, 1822, is now in possession of the Committee. Several again have taken the Degrees of Knighthood in a regular Encampment established in this town. It is a query, whether or not Resolution No. 5 does not render all such clandestine.

Our Grand Chapter has considered the fees for instituting a new Chapter rather exorbitant, and made efforts accordingly, without effect, for a reduction. The fees of $90 are still retained in the G. G. Constitution; the reasons therefor, however, if promulgated, might prove satisfactory.

Your Committee will now proceed briefly to notice the Proceedings, &c. of State Grand Chapters.

Kentucky.—The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that the statistics of the Order and other valuable information receive more attention in the Proceedings of the Grand Chapters. Interesting tables are presented, exhibiting the names of Grand Chapters in correspondence,—their location,—time of meeting,—officers' names and number of Chapters, members, &c. under each jurisdiction.

Illinois, 1853.—The brief address of the G. H. Priest expresses satisfaction at the doings of the General Grand Chapter, in whose deliberations he had just participated. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence does justice to the several subjects discussed. In allusion to Virginia, they say—"Although an independent jurisdiction, your Committee feel constrained to treat that jurisdiction with the utmost respect, regretting, for many cogent reasons, that her influence, her counsels and advice, have been withheld from the G. G. jurisdiction." Your Committee apprehend that the same remarks would apply equally to Pennsylvania and Florida, or any other jurisdiction not embraced in the compact. While these Grand Chapters stand aloof, independent, untrammelled, ranging in paths prohibited to those who have united for the general welfare, their course cannot be viewed with entire complacency, nor fail to create, in a greater or less degree, feelings of jealousy and dissatisfaction. Every member of the great Masonic family should be on the same footing, and every department on an equality—hence, no branch thereof should desire to occupy a position which self-denial, or a sense of obligation, has proscribed to others.

Maryland, 1853.—The G. H. Priest, who is G. G. Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, comments freely, if not properly, on the action of that G. G. Body. He partially recedes from some of his former positions touching the Order of High Priesthood, but in the main holds opinions in consonance with those of your Committee. He says—"We *must* have the Royal and Select Degrees within our jurisdiction," even if the formation of Councils be necessary. Your Committee would be adverse to such resort in this jurisdiction. They are opposed to the multiplicity of orders, which have already swelled to such an appalling extent, as to cause an unjustifiable expenditure of time, labor and money from whoever may be tempted to seek the privileges of association. The principle established by the General Grand Chapter, that an appeal from a Grand to the General Grand Chapter cannot hold, is generally approved. The G. H. Priest, in alluding to an amendment of the General Grand Constitution, depriving G. G. Officers and P. G. H. Priests of membership, fears that from certain indications, it will not be readily acquiesced in by some of the G. Chapters; and, your Committee think, should not be. In his address he pays a handsome and well merited tribute to the memory of a deceased worthy Companion—*Joseph K. Stapleton*, late D. G. G. High Priest.

The Committee on Correspondence made a full and interesting Report, in which every subject of moment to the Craft was ably discussed, and every jurisdiction duly and respectfully noticed. The perpetuity of the G. G. Chapter is advocated in a very sensible manner—the Committee expressing them-

selves as being "desirous of, and determined to, lend their aid to the good work of perpetuating its existence." Here is manifestly evinced the proper spirit, calculated to check the too prevailing tendency to uncharitable reflections. The importance of establishing uniformity, as to the beginning and ending of the Royal Arch Masonic year is very properly adverted to. Were the G. Chapters to agree on a specific time for holding all their Annual Convocations, much good would doubtless result therefrom.

Virginia.—The Proceedings of '53 are engrossed principally with abstracts of the doings of the G. G. Chapter, abstaining from comments. The G. Chapter has published a "Royal Arch Text Book" at a heavy cost; and resolved "that one copy be sent to each G. R. A. Chapter." Our G. Chapter would take pleasure in acknowledging the reception of the valuable work. In the Proceedings of '54, the Committee on Correspondence compliments the G. Chapters generally, and are zealous in justifying the position assumed by the G. Chapter in reference to the G. G. Chapter, and of her appropriation of the degrees of Royal and Select Master. It would seem difficult to reconcile the following declaration:—"In the opinion of your Committee, a Royal Arch Mason, made in Virginia, where the Select and Royal Degrees precede the Royal Arch, would not and should not affect his obedience to the laws and usages of Royal Arch Masonry, as understood and practised in the jurisdiction in which he might hereafter locate." How can Virginia consistently admit a Royal Arch Mason who had not taken all the appendant Degrees claimed by her?

Vermont.—The Communications of the G. H. Priest evince much labor and ability, and cover a large field. Your Committee favor the views presented by the Most Excellent, in his first address, relative to the mode of settling the question of jurisdiction of the Royal and Select Degrees—that is to place them, by *consent*, under the control of Chapters. The G. H. Priest objects to the salutary rule established, that no appeal can be taken from the decision of the presiding officer of a R. A. Chapter, and asks for proof of the "immemorial usage." We would respectfully point him as far back as the days when Joshua, Haggai and Zerubbabel flourished, and he will at least find negative testimony to support the claim, with not a particle of assurance that an appeal was ever suggested. In his address of '54, the G. H. Priest defends the G. G. Chapter in a becoming spirit; and repels, in a pleasant vein, insinuations reflecting upon his individual posture. Casuality prevented an extended Report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Connecticut.—The Proceedings contain able Reports from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Every jurisdiction in intercourse is courteously noticed. The principal transactions of the G. G. Chapter are brought to view, with little or no comment thereon, save only "in the awkward position in which the Past Masters' Degree is suffered to remain." In North Carolina, the Chapters are placed in no such predicament, on account of the action of the G. G. Chapter. Here we confer the Degree only on those who have taken the preceding ones, or been duly elected to preside over a regular Lodge.

Maine.—The Committee on Foreign Communications continue to manifest unwavering attachment to the G. G. Chapter, manfully combatting assaults calculated to weaken its influence and jeopardize its existence. The several G. Chapters in communication with Maine are appropriately introduced, and liberal extracts made from their various interesting Proceedings.

Florida.—This Grand Chapter is one of the three not affiliated with the G. G. Chapter. The G. H. Priest in his address, however, brings to notice the discussions of that Grand Body; and the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in a very lengthy and ingenious Report, devote the most of their labors to a circumstantial account of the introduction of Royal Arch Masonry into Florida—of the organization of the Grand Chapter—of its petition to the G. G. Chapter for admission, and of its rejection under aggravating circumstances—of its subsequent hostility—of the position it now occupies, justifying, with plausible pretext, all her acts in this connection; and appending, by way of vindication, the Reports of Virginia Committees, appointed to consider the expediency of acknowledging allegiance to the G. G. Chapter. We are pleased to see that the form of Installation adopted by our Grand Chapter has been approved and appropriated by Florida.

Michigan.—The Proceedings of 1853 evidence a proper attention to questions of interest. The last Proceedings are rendered peculiarly attractive by the happily conceived address of the G. H. Priest. He discourses truthfully on our Masonic obligations; and very pertinently remarks that, "we cannot learn and act our duty as Royal Arch Masons, without being morally and socially benefitted thereby." He complains, as does the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, of the indecision of the G. G. Chapter, in not promptly perfecting a uniform mode of work. "The Grand Chapter of Virginia," he observes, "does not acknowledge the authority of the G. G. Chapter, and yet it would be difficult to determine in what they are the losers by their independent position." And the Committee say, "they are of opinion that that G. Grand Body failed to meet the expectations of its friends, or to be of any *very great* practical benefit to Royal Arch Masonry." Not having been present on the occasion to participate in the deliberations of that Grand Body, and consequently, having no direct knowledge of the peculiar mode of work exemplified and rejected, your Committee are not prepared to join in the implied censure. In regard to the loss or gain to those Grand Chapters who keep aloof from the G. G. Chapter, they appear to occupy the position of outsiders in a Lodge—have no voice in its deliberations; and their influence for good is thereby sorrowfully abridged. In noticing North Carolina, the Committee remark, that "the Grand Chapter has *no* Committee on Foreign Correspondence"—for *no* substitute *a*.

Mississippi.—The Proceedings are of an interesting character. The G. H. Priest, in his address, feelingly alludes to the recent afflictions in that State by malignant disease; "the desolating ravages of which," he says, "have brought sorrow and sadness into the family circle of many of our beloved companions." He warmly speaks of the self-sacrificing devotion of the Fraternity in their administrations for the relief of the sufferers during the sad visitation; and trusts "that the widows and the fatherless will receive the fostering care and attention to which they are so justly entitled at the hands of Masons." He notices respectfully the action of the G. G. Chapter. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence are not altogether satisfied with the action of that Grand Body, in reference to the Royal and Select Degrees. On that subject they take issue with the Grand Master of Arkansas, pressing hard upon him, as well as on some others who eagerly claim to have established for these Degrees a jurisdiction beyond a doubt. The Committee seem to hold the Order of High Priesthood in light estimation, viewing it as a mere *side* or Honorary Degree; at the same time acknowledging that, "upon several occasions, what is called

a Council of High Priests has been held at convenient times and places to confer the Degree," although considered by them "as non-essential, and forming no part of Royal Arch Masonry!!"

We hope that Grand Chapter would not be understood as having given countenance to a side, or unauthorized Degree. Alas! for the unfortunate Order of High Priesthood; it has enjoyed its day of sunshine, been esteemed for its intrinsic worth, and now is permitted to retain only an equivocal reputation, by being kindly commended to the favorable regard of such as may be entitled to an approach, and also disposed thereto.

The practice of indulging in the vices of intemperance, profanity and duelling by Masons, is properly condemned by the Committee; and many of the Grand Chapter Proceedings manifest an earnest disposition to discountenance such Masonic improprieties.

Indiana.—The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter are marked by great moderation. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence gracefully preserve their equanimity, even when contending against an unprovoked sneer. The G. H. Priest, in his address, with great propriety remarks, that "the presiding officer of the Grand Chapter should, in my opinion, maintain, when practicable, frequent official intercourse with the Chapters under his jurisdiction; he should be acquainted with their condition, familiar with their wants, understand their various interests, and bring his influence to operate on them, whether to restrain, to encourage, or counsel them against error."

Missouri.—An indefatigable Brother is at the head of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The Committee evidently do not view the G. G. Chapter with much complacency. In allusion to its edicts, they observe, "we accord to her full credit for her acts; yet we are not disposed to be lavish in our praises, when we deem her action rather the result of compulsion than choice." The Committee take issue with Georgia in claiming for G. Chapters the paternity of the G. G. Chapter; and, we think, successfully combat the illusion. Considerable uneasiness is manifested in these, as well as other Proceedings, at the pertinacity with which the Chapters are said wrongfully to hold on to the Past Masters' Degree. With an eye to the introductory remarks in this Report, we say, let it alone; it is perfectly harmless in that position—besides, it affords a luxury to the companions, which they will insist upon enjoying, or die. As well might you attempt to check the electric communication which sustains life, as to waste an effort to restrain the unbridled license here claimed.

Louisiana.—The G. H. Priest, in his address, "refers with humble thankfulness to the self-sacrificing devotion of our brethren in New Orleans, and in many other places," during the ravages of the fearful epidemic the past year. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in introducing the Proceedings of the G. G. Chapter, observe, "that nearly all their acts meet our cordial approval and approbation." The Grand Chapter, under the Report of a Select Committee, resolved that all Royal Arch Masons in that State, exalted in Chapters not recognized by that or the G. G. Chapter, may, upon certain conditions, be healed; and that any Chapter, constituted by any authority other than that of the Grand or the G. Grand Chapter, may, upon surrendering its charter, be re-chartered and admitted under that jurisdiction. It is understood, we believe, that all Masonic dissensions in the Louisiana jurisdiction have been reconciled,—and that Masonry in that jurisdiction is in a healthy condition.

Ohio.—The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in 1853, endorse the decision of the G. G. Chapter on the Order of High Priesthood. The Chairman of that Report, who is Editor of the Masonic Review, will do a service by reconciling the action herein referred to, through the pages of that excellent periodical. The Chairman of your Committee stands the champion of the Order while in its present position, — even until it is restored or destroyed.

In the G. H. P's Address, Proceedings 1854, he directs attention to a serious and growing evil in that jurisdiction—the increase of non-affiliated Masons—and observes, "our Institution is suffering from many drones in the Masonic hive; and, in my opinion, a remedy should be applied. Every Royal Arch Mason should belong to some Chapter, and if he fail to perform his duty in this respect, he should be taught 'that if any will not work, neither shall he eat.'" A Resolution is introduced by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to the effect, that "the Delegates from that G. Chapter to the G. G. Chapter be instructed to use their efforts at its next session to produce such action in that body as will establish the beginning or ending of the Masonic year." Your Committee approve the suggestion. A Resolution, reported by a Select Committee, was adopted authorizing the transaction of miscellaneous matter in any Lodge, open on any of the inferior Degrees, whereof it might properly have cognizance, were it a distinct and separate body. We are inclined to regard the action of the G. Chapter as inconsiderate. In the view of your Committee, all business should originate in the Chapter; and no brother of an inferior grade should, in any instance, be allowed a participation in business. The Committee are aware of existing regulations and practice, which, however, can never render noviciates entitled to "share in the rich spoils of the Amoritish wars;" impediments are in their path first to be overcome.

Alabama.—This Grand Chapter does not admit substitutes in exaltations—a rule at variance with the practice in our Chapters. The Report of the Committee on chartered Chapters exhibits a formidable array of irregular returns. Every one charged with this responsibility should be admonished of the great confusion caused by carelessness or ignorance in the preparation of their annual documents. Pressing duties and engagements prevented the Committee on Foreign Correspondence from devoting such attention to their mission as its importance demanded. They observe, in allusion to the G. G. Chapter and the disaffected Grand Chapters, that "your Committee, nevertheless, will indulge the hope, that the day is not far distant when every Grand Chapter in the United States will be harmoniously united in the support of the G. G. Chapter."

Arkansas.—The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter are exceedingly interesting; rendered particularly so by the masterly Reports of the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, and on Foreign Correspondence. The former Report enters largely into the history of the Royal and Select Degrees—assigns the institution of the Royal Arch to about the year 1730, and alludes to a time when Royal Arch Masonry separated itself from Blue Masonry, to which it had been attached, organized itself, invented three new Degrees, and commenced an independent existence: and also, that the Royal and Select Masters formed themselves into Councils, and after a time, they too organized themselves into Grand Councils, and claimed an independent existence. Notwithstanding the specious reasoning otherwise introduced, your Committee cannot

agree with the "very high authority" quoted, that "the proposition to give the jurisdiction of Councils of Royal and Select Masters to Grand Chapters, embraces one of the greatest Masonic absurdities which could, by any possibility, be presented to the mind." The Committee, too, aver that they "will ever regard those who receive these Degrees in a Chapter as clandestine, until they are healed." Indeed! we trust this expression was penned in an unguarded moment of zeal without due reflection. Much labor is bestowed by the Committee on the Past Masters' Degree; and no little effort is made to define its position, and establish its origin. The opinion of a distinguished companion is introduced, who holds that the Past Masters of a Lodge and those of a Chapter, ought to have no common means of recognition. We confess that, on this point, we should feel very awkward to be compelled to affect ignorance to what we know, or to shut our eyes to the light we have once enjoyed. He who undertakes to uproot settled customs that work well and are free from pernicious tendencies, is engaged in an unthankful office, which may cause him remorse, by the engendering of strife when all before was peace. We agree with the Committee, that a Chapter should not call from labor to refreshment from one stated or regular meeting to another. In perusing the able Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, your Committtee cannot refrain from quoting therefrom the very appropriate remarks relative to the disqualifications of candidates for the Degrees, in this strain—"peculiarities of temper, litigious, impracticable or pragmatical disposition, obtuseness of intellect, ease to take offence, a fiery and passionate temper, a sarcastic turn, an irreverent and scoffing habit, intolerance in religion or politics, the vice of uncharitable judgment, a habit of slight regard for the opinions of others: all these are good grounds for rejecting an applicant, as numerous sharp and irregular angles in an ashlar warrant the master builder quietly to put it aside as unfit for the building." And again, in allusion to the too common disregard of obligations, "it is greatly to be regretted that the sins of commission and omission, in this respect, are by far too general within our jurisdiction; that the obligations taken within the shadow of the Royal Arch do not prevent slander, backbiting and evil speaking; that the guilty are allowed too often to go unwhipped of justice; and that it is rarely the case that a Royal Arch Mason undertakes to admonish a brother of his faults, or attempts to check, restrain or reform him." The address of the Grand H. Priest, in Proceedings of '54, possesses uncommon merit. With few exceptions, your Committee agree in his opinions and deductions. On the occasion of his visitation to a certain Chapter, he found that there were dissensions and ill-feeling among some of the members; and that even two members present were not on speakable terms. Not understanding how such a state of things could exist, he "specially advised the Chapter that it must be remedied at once; that a Chapter which allowed members to sit together who did not speak to each other, itself deserved severe censure; and that it should at once enquire into the cause of the difficulty, and remove such a reproach upon Masonry, by compelling a return to brotherly relations, or by excluding from the Order one or both of the parties." These sentiments, your Committee unhesitatingly declare, should be carried out in every Chapter. The Grand Master, attaching far more importance to the principles of the Order than to its mere work, thinks, nevertheless, that "the G. G. Chapter ought never to be allowed to meet and adjourn again, without selecting and fixing upon *some system*, and imperatively requiring it to be followed;" and, he "very much doubts whether any 'land-

marks' are involved in any of the discrepancies in the work in the U. States." Your Committee dissent entirely from the position assumed by the Grand H. Priest in reference to a second ballot; instances do occur sanctioning its propriety. Many Grand Chapters, even since the edict of the G. G. Chapter, continue to organize Councils of High Priests. On this subject, we are glad to introduce the views of so intelligent a person as Companion Pike. He remarks, "the G. G. Chapter has decided that we have no power to define the duties or powers of such a Council. And I am, therefore, seriously, inclined to doubt, whether we can require that a warrant shall be had from the G. H. Priest to open such a Council. If not, it would be better to ignore the matter altogether, as no part of Royal Arch Masonry." "It seems to me," continues our companion, "that in this anomalous condition of things, it would be better if it were at once made part of the installation ceremony." What your Committee contend for is, that the Degree be placed somewhere authoritatively, or blotted out forever. We cordially endorse the entire Report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, relative to the transaction of business only in a Chapter, and the balloting for all the Degrees in the first instance. The subject of education is claiming the earnest attention of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, which has already voted contributions to a College erecting by the Grand Lodge. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in view of most of the vexed questions interesting Royal Arch Masonry, being satisfactorily settled, deem an extended report unnecessary.

Texas.—The Proceedings of this Grand Chapter manifest a respectable degree of prosperity—some little irregularities are discernable; but a disposition, creditable to our young sister, to adhere to the true principles, which should be the proper guide of all who claim affinity with the great family of Masons, is very apparent. The Grand H. P., in bringing to notice the great popularity of the Order, truthfully observes that, "while its portals are constantly crowded with the idle, the curious, the designing and all classes of persons, who are daily knocking at our doors, anxiously demanding admittance, cautions the Companions against the danger of permitting indiscriminate entrance—the unerring tests should be rigidly applied." The Committee on Foreign Correspondence speak favorably of the General Grand Chapter, whose acts they unqualifiedly approve.

Georgia.—The Grand Master, expressing his satisfaction at the action of the G. G. Chapter, and his regret that some of the State Grand Chapters still remain independent of it—still views their course as not a fit subject of discussion on that occasion—they acting on their own responsibility—and adds, "I have long thought, and have so expressed myself to you heretofore, that the habit of criticising and censuring the acts of other Grand Bodies, has been indulged to an extent, both unwise and unwarrantable. But justice to our Supreme Body compels me to say, that the Reports of the Grand Chapter of Florida, on this subject, have been, and still are, tinctured with a bitterness of spirit and a disposition to cavil, which no *Free Mason* can remark without regret." Your Committee would suggest, in this connexion, that it would be next to impossible to notice the transactions recorded in the various interesting annual Proceedings, yearly issued, without indulging more or less in criticisms;—when this is done in a proper, Masonic spirit, as should always be the case, instead of harm, unquestionable benefit must be the result. When we present our work for inspection, we want to know whether it be approved

or disapproved,—and if on application of the square, we are found faithful in the discharge of our duties, wages are our due. The G. Chapter of Georgia seems not to recognize a Committee on Foreign Communications. A complimentary vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Grand High Priest, Wm. T. Gould, who had served in that capacity, with great credit, for seven successive years.

Wisconsin.—The Grand Master, in his brief address, attributes in a great degree, the unprecedented prosperity of the Order, and the rapid increase of its members, "to the liberal distribution of the published Proceedings of our Grand Chapters and Lodges, and the vast amount of Masonic publications throughout the States, which are constantly dropping before the uninitiated, convincing them that Free Masonry is entitled to the high and exalted rank of a scientific institution. They learn with astonishment that many of the great minds of England, France and Germany, as well as of our own country, have been, and are still, devoted to the solution of its principles, and the examination of its antiquity; that men of profound learning have entered the portals of our Order as disciples, that they might find in its hidden and mysterious love, assistance in their researches for knowledge." The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in some well timed remarks relative to the reciprocal duties devolving upon the various constituencies of the Order, and the settlement of questions of difficult solution, pertinently ask, "is it wonderful that Representatives of State Grand Chapters should hesitate about hastily thrusting forward their individual opinions, and thus settling the question in an authoritative manner? Is it not natural—nay, commendable, that they should act with great caution, waiting for discussion among State Grand Chapters to present the question in all its bearings,—thus exhibiting a proper apprehension of destroying that harmony, without which the Order would cease to exist,—until full expression has indicated the proper and most satisfactory method of determining the mooted point?" The Committee speak in approving terms generally of the action of the G. G. Chapter. They take occasion to rub our Committee on Foreign Correspondence of 1853, for having "*utterly despaired* of presenting any Report at all satisfactory;" it should have been observed, that the Committee was appointed on the 7th, and reported on the 8th of June, being allowed for examination, deliberation and report, the extravagantly long time of *twenty-four hours*, which, if properly divided for the service of God, for rest and refreshment, and for our usual vocations, would leave but an indifferent share for important investigations.

California.—We are happy to learn, from the "Proceedings of a Convention for the organization of the Grand Chapter of California, held in Sacramento, May 6th, 1854," that that Grand Chapter was duly instituted, having regularly elected and installed its officers and adopted a Constitution. We welcome our young sister within the Masonic circle, and hope she may become a shining and enduring light.

Iowa.—We have also before us the "Proceedings of the Convention of Royal Arch Masons, that assembled at Mount Pleasant, to organize a Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Iowa, &c." The Grand Chapter was duly organized, officers elected, and proceeded to the transaction of appropriate business. We welcome Iowa, like our sister of California, to our fraternal embrace, wishing her all the prosperity that she may desire, with the hope, that she may become distinguished for her good works.

A copy of the "Constitution, By-Laws and Ritual of the Grand Chapter of the State of Indiana," is before us. The Articles of the Constitution seem to be carefully drawn up; and the form of Installation ceremonies are arranged with propriety.

The "Proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut" do not properly come under the consideration of your Committee. They will take the liberty, however, of quoting a resolution, which they think was improperly entertained, as follows: "*Resolved*, That in addition to the several Degrees required by the Constitution of the General Grand Encampment to the subordinates, this Grand Encampment will further require that the applicants should have taken the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters." This looks like legislating for a superior Body.

Your Committee have examined a copy of "the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina," and commend it for its conciseness. The Constitutional Rules embodied in the book are generally good, except the latter part of Rule XII, allowing trial in a Degree below the Arch, and the entire Rule XX, although it is established law.

Your Committee are pleased in looking over the pages of the "Eighteenth Annual Catalogue of the Teachers and Students of the Baltimore Collegiate Institute for Ladies," to find it apparently a valuable Institution, and enjoying a high state of prosperity. We do not know that it has about it any Masonic peculiarity, but wish it success.

A Pamphlet containing an "Extract from the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Lodge of New York relative to the formation of a National Confederation of the Grand Lodges," is in review; but any extended comment might be considered out of place.

Thus, having disposed of all the documents placed in their hands, your Committee do not pretend to have done them full justice; nor do they even hope that the manner in which they have discharged the arduous duty imposed upon them will prove entirely satisfactory. They have endeavored, while doing common justice to the mass of interesting matter subjected to their investigations, to restrain themselves within the bounds of decorum and rational limitation; otherwise, had they followed the bent of their own inclinations, they would have indulged in more profuse extracts from the very beautiful compositions, which so greatly delighted them in the perusal.

Before closing their report, already too tedious, your Committee will venture to introduce several questions of importance, which for convenience, they will number.

1. The question of withdrawing this Grand Chapter from its connexion with the G. G. Chapter, is before this Grand Body. Your Committee, altogether opposed to the step, suggest the greater propriety, should the sentiment prevail, of appointing a Delegate to the next G. G. Chapter, with instructions to move its abolishment or dissolution. There appears, to your Committee, the greater consistency in such a course; and should the object be attained, all the G. Chapters would then be placed on an equality of footing, which is not precisely now the case.
2. Should its existence still be sustained, the Delegate ought to be instructed to urge upon that Grand Body, the adoption of some uniform system of work, to be respected by all its subordinates.
3. Also, to *legitimatize*, or *abolish* altogether, the Degree or order of High Priesthood.
4. Also, to reduce the fee for Charters.

5. Also, to establish a specific time for the beginning and ending of the Masonic year.
6. It is noticed by your Committee that, in some Grand Chapters, motions to open and close are allowed—similar practice also is countenanced, very improperly, in subordinates. The presiding officer should understand his duty in this respect.
7. Infringements of jurisdiction, also, are subjects of complaint. N. Carolina has heretofore had cause of complaint in this relation, particularly against New York and Pennsylvania. Individuals have been known to bid us defiance—go abroad, and come back shaking the Degrees at us; and we have consequently been forced to do on compulsion, what we would not do of choice.
8. The practice in many Chapters of introducing together a plurality of candidates, in the several Degrees, is objectionable. We cannot reconcile the idea of making Masons by the batch—justice is not done the Lodge or candidate.
9. Indecent haste in advancing candidates is an evil requiring correction. Extreme emergency only should warrant less time than a month between each Degree; nor should the candidate then advance, without exhibiting sufficient proficiency in open Lodge. The impressions then made are most lasting and most beneficial.
10. A Chapter should not call off from one regular meeting to another; it should always be in a condition for opening on the return of each stated meeting.
11. Every petition for the Degrees should lie over one month: a dispensation only justifying a departure from the rule.

In the various Proceedings setting forth the condition of Masonry in the several jurisdictions, it is evident that many drones are permitted to creep into the Masonic hive; that many thoughtless and unprincipled persons have, by some stealth, gained admittance within our sacred portals. They may be recognized while using their passports for the purpose of imposing upon the unwary of the Craft; while seeking to shun the path in which, haply, they might encounter a spark, electrifying their sensibilities, and awakening them to a just appreciation of the benefits which have been unworthily conferred upon them. These things should operate to check the custom of indiscriminate admissions into the Order,—reminding us promptly to apply the plumb, the square, and the level to every applicant.

Your Committee had well nigh forgotten to notice, with marked disapprobation, a practice advocated in some of our respectable periodicals, and prevailing to a considerable extent in portions of the country, which is no less than that of conferring, by a sort of semi-official ceremony, a manufactured Degree, christened "Star of the East," on *Ladies*—wives and daughters of Masons. We see no earthly benefit to be derived by submission to these ceremonies, even were they harmless or admissible. The admission of ladies within the Lodge is out of the question;—why then attempt to impose upon them the belief that they can advance a single step in that direction? It is time the progressive inventions of reputed Masonic Degrees should be checked. Otherwise, there is no knowing where the rage for novelties will stop. Everything must be governed by electric principles—all wholesome restraints must be jumped over, and lightning speed will only answer the pur-

poses of locomotion. Reason and reflection assuredly best become Masons, who should never engage in rash or inconsiderate eccentricities. Your Committee have no objection to bring into proper requisition all the elements of nature, and all the appliances of art; but are unwilling to trust, incautiously, to unskillful direction, or commit themselves to the guidance of every headstrong theorist. Masons cannot be too guarded against entering into conflicting engagements.

Your Committee will, in the most comprehensive manner, endeavor to express the sentiments which inspire them on the closing of this Report.

They believe that harmony is the strength and support of all institutions; that it should prevail in every branch of the great Masonic family; that it should be cherished by every brother, individually and collectively; that all other aspirations should unhesitatingly be sacrificed for its maintenance; that it should not be disturbed by intemperate debate, by personal implications, or by impolitic legislation; in fact, that it should operate as a charm to reconcile all conflicting opinions and issues,—to settle all matters of dispute,—to check the utterance of exciting language,—to promote social feelings and intercourse,—to inspire to good resolutions,—to check evil,—and to bring about a happy arrangement of all difficulties, misunderstandings, disputes, contentions and dissatisfactions which may, at the present or any time, unfortunately exist within the Masonic bounds.

If every interest embraced within the Masonic limits could be represented at some convenient point, and a spirit of conciliation and mutual forbearance predominated, with harmonizing dispositions, there is no doubt but that every disputable question would be satisfactorily disposed of, and a good understanding agreed upon; so that, hereafter, all cause for bickering would forever be put to rest. Such a consummation is devoutly to be wished.

Respectfully submitted, P. W. FANNING,
Chairman.

On motion of Comp'n LUTTERLOH, the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and made the special order of this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

On motion of Comp'n LUTTERLOH,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year, this afternoon at 2½ o'clock.

On motion of Comp'n H. P. RUSSELL,

Resolved, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to have their Report printed (at the expense of the Grand Chapter), and ready for perusal on the first day of the Session of this Grand Body.

The Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, till this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

H. P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Present—Officers as this morning.

Comp'ns Speight Hill, A. A. Harbin, T. B. Carr, Isaac Northrop.

Representatives of Subordinate Chapters.

Concord,	No. 1,	-	H. P. Russell, H. P., and Proxy for K. and S.
Phœnix,	No. 2,	-	Jas. B. Ferguson, H. P., K. and S.
Concord,	No. 5,	-	Wm. G. Thomas, Proxy for H. P.
Eureka,	No. 7,	-	Peter Custis, H. P., K. and S.
Oxford,	No. 8,	-	L. Latham, H. P. and K.
Lafayette,	No. 11,	-	Jas. C. Turner, H. P., K. and S.
Chorazin,	No. 13,	-	T. P. Ricaud, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Cherokee,	No. 14,	-	E. J. Lutterloh, H. P., K. and S.
Union,	No. 17,	-	Thos. Wright, H. P.
Gaston,	No. 18,	-	Dr. C. H. Jordan, Rep. Chapter.
Keystone,	No. 19,	-	P. W. Fanning, Delegate.
Lincoln,	No. 22,	-	M. Cronly, Proxy for H. P., K. and S.
Montgomery,	No. 23,	-	Thos. W. Brown, P. for H. P., K. and S.
Ashville,	No. 25,	-	John A. Taylor, H. P., K. and S.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations have had under consideration, the By-Laws and returns from Goldsboro' Chapter, at Goldsboro,' North Carolina, and Graham Chapter, at Graham, North Carolina, both working under Dispensation. The Proceedings of the former have been regular, and their code of laws are, with a single exception, approved. The exception is in the 11th Article, which recognizes the right of appeal to the Chapter from the decision of their High Priest. An amendment of that section should be required.

There are some irregularities in the Proceedings of Graham Chapter. From their Proceedings, we find that this Chapter has frequently adjourned from one regular meeting to the next; that when convened for work, they open in any of the lower Lodges in which they have Degrees to confer, without first opening the Chapter; and, in one instance, a Mark Masters' Lodge was opened with less than the requisite number;—this, however, may be an omission on the part of the Secretary of the names of some of the officers.

The second section of Article IV in their code fixing the fees for Degrees, place the sum at $25; and again, in the same section, at $21. Section 2d of Article V fixes the fee for *membership* at $25; and section 3d of the same Article fixes the fee for the Degrees at $21. Section 2d of Article VII provides for the filling vacancies in any of the offices at the next meeting, or any meeting of the Chapter called for the purpose.

Your Committee are satisfied that it is only necessary to call the attention of the Companions composing those new Chapters to these errors and irregularities, to have them corrected, and therefore recommend that Charters be granted them under their appropriate numbers—Graham, No. 28, and Goldsboro', No. 29. Respectfully submitted,

A. MARTIN,
J. B. FERGUSON,
THOMAS WRIGHT.

On motion of Comp'n E. J. LUTTERLOH,

Resolved, That the Representatives of Graham and Goldsboro' Chapters be authorized to take seats as members in this body.

The Committee on Credentials made a further report:

Montgomery Chapter,	No. 23,	- -	T. W. Brown, Proxy.
Mt. Lebanon "	No. 27,	- -	L. D. Farmer, H. P.
Graham "	No. 28,	- -	Henry C. Hurdle, Rep.
Goldsboro' "	No. 29,	- -	L. R. Loftin, "

An election of officers, as per appointment, was held, which resulted as follows:

Comp'n Peter Custis,	- of	*Newbern*,	- - - - - - G. H. P.
" Pride Jones,	- "	*Hillsboro'*,	- - - - - - D. G. H. P.
" Z. M. Paschall,	"	*Oxford*,	- - - - - - G. King.
" T. Page Ricaud,	"	*Wilmington*,	- - - - G. S.
" Thos. W. Brown,	"	"	- - - - - - - G. Treas.
" Thos. B. Carr,	"	"	- - - - - - - G. Sec'y.
" Luther R. Loftin,	"	*Duplin*,	- - - - - - - G. Marshal.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was taken up,—and on motion of Comp'n Martin, was deferred for further consideration, to allow the Committee on Unfinished Business an opportunity to report.

The Committee on M. E. G. H. P's Address, made the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

The Committee, to whom was referred the Address of the M. E. G. H. P., beg leave to report that they would recommend the reference of the several subjects of which it treats, as follows—so much as refers to Grand Lecturer, to a Special Committee: so much as refers to Act of Incorporation and Seal, to a Special Committee: so much as refers to General Grand Chapter, to the Com-

mittee of the Whole: so much as refers to the Subordinate Degrees, to a Special Committee: and so much as refers to a Seal, to a Special Committee.

Respectfully submitted, JAMES B. FERGUSON,
E. J. LUTTERLOH,
T. PAGE RICAUD.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Committees, in accordance with the above report:

Committee on Grand Lecturer—Comp'ns T. W. Brown, H. C. Hurdle and L. R. Loftin.

Committee on Act of Incorporation and Seal—Comp'ns C. H. Jordan and John A. Taylor.

Committee on Subordinate Degrees—Comp'ns W. G. Thomas, A. Martin and M. Cronly.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted:

The Committee on Unfinished Business report that the Resolution of Comp'n H. P. Russell, proposing the withdrawal of this Grand Chapter from the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and the Resolution of Comp'n Custis, requiring the Grand Secretary to prepare a Digest of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter from its re-organization to the present time, is the only unfinished business appearing before them.

Respectfully submitted,

L. D. FARMER, *Chairman*,
T. PAGE RICAUD.

The following Resolution offered by Comp'n H. P. Russell at the last Convocation, was taken up and discussed:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter withdraw from the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

After much discussion, the matter was postponed till 8 o'clock this evening.

The Grand Chapter called off till 8 o'clock.

HENRY P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Present—Officers and Representatives as this afternoon.

Comp'ns J. Lyon, E. Turlington, A. J. Howell, J. B. Russell, T. H. Lane, L. H. Marsteller, R. Morris, W. W. Harriss, G. R. French, D. Kahnweiler.

Comp'n Russell's motion to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, was again taken up and discussed at length, when a vote was taken by Chapters, and the motion lost.

Comp'n Taylor obtained leave of absence, and appointed Comp'n I. Northrop his proxy.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, till 8 o'clock to-morrow evening.

H. P. RUSSELL, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. R. G. Rankin, - - - -	G. H. P.
E. Z. M. Paschall, - - -	G. King.
E. Peter Custis, - - - -	G. S.
A. Martin, P. G. H. P., - -	G. M. p. t.
L. R. Loftin, - - - -	G. P. S. p. t.
J. C. Turner, - - - -	G. R. A. C. p. t.

Thomas Wright, - - -	G. M. 3d V.
M. Cronly, - - - - - -	G. M. 2d V. p. t.
L. Latham, - - - - - -	G. M. 1st V. "
H. P. Russell, - - - -	G. Secretary.
T. W. Brown, - - - -	G. Treasurer.
H. W. Foy, - - - - - -	G. Tyler.

Comp'ns P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., C. H. Jordan, L. D. Farmer, L. R. Loftin, T. B. Carr, A. A. Harbin.

The Committee on Incorporation and Seal made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the Act of Incorporation and Seal of the Grand Chapter, beg leave to report that they have performed that duty, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution, viz:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter are satisfied with both, and accept the same.

J. A. TAYLOR, } *Committee.*
C. H. JORDAN, }

On motion of Comp'n Martin, the Grand Chapter then proceeded to the Installation of Officers, M. E. Robert G. Rankin, G. H. P., presiding.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments:

L. D. Farmer,	Wilson,	G. P. S.
J. C. Turner,	Orange,	G. R. A. C.
J. B. Ferguson,	Fayetteville,	G. M. 3d V.
Thomas Wright,	Duplin,	G. M. 2d V.
H. C. Hurdle,	Alamance,	G. M. 1st V.
Rev. S. S. Bryant,	Germanton,	G. Chaplain.
H. W. Foy,	Wilmington,	G. Tyler.

Finance Committee—A. Martin, P. W. Fanning, T. W. Brown.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence—W. G. Thomas, T. Page Ricaud, J. B. Ferguson.

A communication was received from the Trustees of St. John's College, inviting this Grand Chapter to unite in the ceremonies of Laying the Corner Stone at Oxford, on the ensuing Anniversary of St. John the Baptist.

On motion of Comp'n H P. Russell,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter accept the invitation extended by the Trustees of St. John's College, and that they attend as a body the Laying of the Corner Stone.

On motion of Comp'n W. G. Thomas,

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter appropriate Two Hundred Dollars of its funds to the Masonic College now in progress of erection in the town of Oxford; and that we further recommend this Grand Chapter to appropriate as much of its surplus funds at each succeeding communication as may be deemed expedient.

The Committee on that portion of the G. H. Priest's Address relating to a Grand Lecturer, presented the following report, which was on motion received:

The Committee on that part of the G. H. P's Address relating to a Grand Lecturer, beg leave to report, that in their opinion his *views* on the subject are correct, and they cordially recommend *them* to the consideration of this G. R. A. Chapter.

THOS. W. BROWN,
L. R. LOFTIN.

On motion of Comp'n Rankin, the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was taken up.

On motion of Comp'n Martin,

Resolved, That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be permitted to amend their report.

Comp'n Lyman Latham obtained leave of absence and appointed Comp'n Paschall his proxy.

The Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G Sec'y.*

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E.	Peter Custis,	G. H. P.
E.	Z. M. Paschall,	G. King.
E.	T. P. Ricaud,	G. S.
Comp.	L. R. Loftin,	G. M.
"	L. D. Farmer,	G. P. S.
"	J. C. Turner,	G. R. A. C.
"	J. B. Ferguson,	G. M. 3d V.
"	Thomas Wright,	G. M. 2d V.
"	H. C. Hurdle,	G. M. 1st V.
"	T. W. Brown,	G. Treasurer.
"	Thos. B. Carr,	G. Secretary.
"	H. W. Foy,	G. Tyler.

H. P. Russell, J. C. Rhodes, R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., E. J. Lutterloh, A. Martin, P. G. H. P.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted.

The Committee on Proceedings and Returns beg leave to report, that they have examined the several Returns of the following Chapters, and find them correct:

Concord Chapter, No. 1.	Eureka Chapter, No. 7.
Concord " No. 5.	Keystone " No. 19.

The following Chapters have sent correct returns, according to the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, but have failed to conform to a resolution of the last Grand Convocation, requiring "the number of Stated and Special Meetings they may hold during the preceding twelve months:"

Phœnix Chapter, No. 2.	Lincoln Chapter, No. 22.
Lafayette " No. 11.	Montgomery " No. 23.
Chorazin " No. 13.	Germanton " No. 24.
Cherokee " No. 14.	Asheville " No. 25.
Union " No. 17.	Mt. Lebanon " No. 27.
Gaston " No. 18.	

Your Committee would recommend, that hereafter it shall be required, that the Returns of Subordinate Chapters shall be signed by the High Priest and Secretary, and have the Seal of the Chapter affixed thereto.

The following Chapters have made no Returns :

Mt. Ararat	Chapter,	No. 3.	Raleigh	Chapter,	No. 10.
Roanoke	"	No. 4.	Conoho	"	No. 12.
Temple	"	No. 6.	Salisbury	"	No. 20.
Oxford	"	No. 8.	Cyrus	"	No. 21.
Warrenton,	"	No. 9.	Louisburg *	"	No. 26.

The following is a Table of the Exaltations, Suspensions, Expulsions, &c., for the last year :

		Exalted.	Rejected.	Withdrawn.	Died.	Expelled.
Concord,	No. 1,	8	0	0	0	0
Phœnix,	" 2,	5	1	2	0	0
Concord,	" 5,	0	0	0	0	0
Eureka,	" 7,	7	0	1	1	0
Lafayette,	" 11,	4	1	1	0	2
Chorazin,	" 13,	6	0	0	3	0
Union,	" 17,	5	0	1	3	0
Gaston,	" 18,	3	0	0	1	0
Keystone,	" 19,	0	0	0	1	0
Lincoln,	" 22,	6	0	0	0	0
Montgom'y,	" 23,	0	0	0	0	0
Asheville,	" 25,	2	0	0	1	0
Louisburg,	" 26,	10	0	0	0	0
Mt. Lebanon	" 27,	3	0	0	0	0

In the Returns of Lafayette Chapter, No. 11, there are two expulsions reported. From the report of the Delegate from that Chapter, it appears that Companions J. D. Wilbor and S. D. Schoolfield were expelled from that Chapter; they having previously been expelled from Eagle Lodge, No. 71. As it is a settled principle in Masonry, that an expulsion from a Blue Lodge necessarily deprives a brother or companion of all the rights and benefits of Masonry, we therefore recommend that the expulsions be confirmed.

Your Committee feel it to be their duty to call the attention of the Grand Chapter to the fact, that the following Chapters, to wit: Roanoke Chapter, No. 4, Cyrus Chapter, No. 21, and Warrenton Chapter, No. 9, have made no returns for three years; and Conoho, No. 12, has made none for two years; which omission of duty, we think, requires decided action on the part of this Grand Chapter, and would suggest that they be required to appear by their Representatives or Proxies, at the next Grand Convocation, to show cause why their Charters should not be forfeited.

PETER CUSTIS,
JAMES C. TURNER,
E. J. LUTTERLOH,
W. G. THOMAS,
J. A. TAYLOR.

* Received since the Grand Chapter closed.

On motion of Comp'n Ferguson,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and Concord Chapter, No. 1, for the use of their Hall, and for the friendly manner in which they have entertained us during the present Grand Convocation.

On motion of Comp'n Ricaud,

Resolved, That $30 00 be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter to the Grand Treasurer, $50 00 to the Past Grand Secretary, and $15 00 to the Grand Tyler, for services rendered during the present Convocation.

On motion of Comp'n Lutterloh,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the P. G. H. P., R. G. Rankin, and to the Past Grand Secretary, H. P. Russell, for the zeal and fidelity they have ever manifested in the discharge of their official duties, as well as their uniform courtesy as Companions.

On motion of Comp'n Lutterloh, the Committee on Subordinate Degrees were allowed until the next meeting of this Grand Body to report.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence presented their Report amended.

Comp'n L. D. Farmer obtained leave of absence, and appointed Comp'n R. G. Rankin his proxy.

Comp'n L. R. Loftin obtained leave of absence, and appointed Comp'n A. Martin his proxy.

Comp'n J. C. Turner obtained leave of absence, and appointed Comp'n T. B. Carr his proxy.

On motion of Comp'n A. Martin, the further consideration of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was deferred until 2½ o'clock this afternoon.

The Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until 2½ o'clock, P. M.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2½ o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Present—Officers as this morning.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that they have examined the books of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct and in proper form.

The following is the state of the finances:

Cash balance in hand at last Convocation,	$ 458 33
Two Dispensations, $90 each,	180 00
Dues from Chapters,	265 00
	903 33
Disbursements on proper vouchers,	229 75
Leaving cash in hand,	673 58
In addition to the above, there are on hand three notes, money loaned by the Committee, the aggregate of principal and interest being	1,140 77
Amounting in all to	$ 1,814 35

The following Chapters are in arrears:

Roanoke,	No. 4,	$ 45
Raleigh,	No. 10,	15
Salisbury,	No. 20,	15
Warrenton,	No. 9,	30
Conoho,	No. 12,	30
Cyrus,	No. 21,	45
Mt. Ararat,	No. 3,	15
Temple,	No. 6,	15
Lincoln,	No. 22,	15
Germanton,	No. 24,	5
Louisburg,	No. 26,	15

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. W. BROWN,
P. W. FANNING,
A. MARTIN,
} *Committee.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Proceedings of this Grand Convocation be printed under the supervision of the Grand Secretary and Comp'n H. P. Russell.

On motion of Comp'n Rankin, the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was received and adopted.

On motion of Comp'n Rankin,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the able Report presented by them, and that the example of zeal and industry displayed by them in its compilation, is worthy of imitation by all Masons.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Digest of Proceedings, presented a verbal report, and were discharged.

The Grand Chapter then called from labor to refreshment, until this evening at 8 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Officers in their stations.

The Minutes of this and the preceding day were read and approved.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter closed in ample form, to meet again on the first Monday in June, A. L. 5856, A. I. 2386, A. D. 1856.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

A LIST OF HIGH PRIESTS

IN THE

State of North Carolina.

M. E.	Jas. F. McRee,	*Wilmington.*	M. E.	J. S. Pender,	*Tarborough.*
"	Alex. McRae,	"	"	W. G. Thomas,	"
"	P. W. Fanning,	"	"	Lewis Bond,	"
"	H. P. Russell,	"	"	Jas. Mehegan,	"
"	Alfred Martin,	"	"	W. W. Daniel,	*Halifax.*
"	Isaac Northrop,	"	"	C. N. Webb,	"
"	D. McMillan,	"	"	Z. M. Paschall,	*Oxford.*
"	R. G. Rankin,	"	"	Wm. Burge,	*Warrenton.*
"	Wm. G. Hill,	*Raleigh.*	"	A. P. Yancey,	*Murfreesboro'.*
"	E. B. Freeman,	"	"	F. M. Capehart,	"
"	John W. Cosby,	"	"	P. P. Clements,	*Hamilton.*
"	J. R. Harrison,	"	"	C. H. Jordan,	*Roxborough.*
"	Jos. M. Cox,	*Hertford.*	"	E. G. Reade,	"
"	Jos. G. Granbery,	"	"	C. W. Wooley,	*Montgomery.*
"	J. W. Albertson,	"	"	J. S. Gibson,	"
"	E. Myers,	*Salisbury.*	"	A. T. Jerkins,	*Newbern.*
"	A. H. Caldwell,	"	"	Peter Custis,	"
"	T. B. Nicholls,	*Plymouth.*	"	H. K. Nash,	"
"	William Bagley,	"	"	C. P. Mendenhall,	"
"	J. Ramsey,	"	"	William Sloan,	*Lincolnton.*
"	John McRae,	*Fayetteville.*	"	Jas. A. Caldwell,	"
"	A. M. Campbell,	"	"	Jos. K. Bird,	*Windsor.*
"	E. L. Winslow,	"	"	Kater Biggs,	"
"	L. R. Loftin,	*Duplin.*	"	J. W. Haskins,	"
"	Eli W. Hines,	"	"	B. J. Spruill,	"
"	Thos. Wright,	"	"	Wm. Slade,	*Hamilton.*
"	Jas. W. Blount,	"	"	Joshua Roberts,	*Asheville.*
"	Pride Jones,	*Hillsborough.*	"	James Reid,	*Louisburg.*
			"	L. D. Farmer,	*Wilson.*

The above List comprises all the High Priests, as far as can be at this time ascertained. Should there be any omissions, the Grand Secretary would be pleased to receive notice, to enable him to make a complete Register.

DR. *Grand Chapter of North Carolina in Account with* THOMAS W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer.* CR.

1854.		
June 20,	To Amount paid Grand Secretary,	$85 00
" 22,	" " " " Tyler,	15 00
" 22,	" " Appropriation Grand Treasurer,	30 00
Oct. 2,	" " T. Burr, Printing,	91 00
1855.		
May 29,	" Sessark & Whitaker,	3 00
" 29,	" Dunn & Whitaker,	2 75
June 1,	" Fayetteville Observer,	3 00
	" Balance due Grand Chapter	673 58
		$903 33

1854.		
June 5,	Balance from old Account,	$458 33
July 1,	Gaston Chapter, No. 18,	30 00
" 25,	Dispensation,	90 00
Oct. 9,	"	90 00
1855.		
June 5,	Concord Chapter, No. 1,	15 00
	Phœnix " No. 2,	15 00
	Concord " No. 5,	15 00
	Eureka " No. 7,	15 00
	Oxford " No. 8,	15 00
	Lafayette " No. 11,	15 00
	Chorazin " No. 13,	15 00
	Cherokee " No. 14,	15 00
	Keystone " No. 19,	15 00
	Montgomery, " No. 23,	15 00
	Germanton " No. 24,	10 00
	Asheville " No. 25,	15 00
	Mt. Lebanon " No. 27,	15 00
	Gaston, " No. 18,	30 00
	Union, " No. 17,	15 00
		$903 33

WILMINGTON, N. C., *June* 7, 1855.

THOMAS W. BROWN,
Grand Treasurer.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, in Account with HENRY P. RUSSELL, *Grand Secretary.*

1854.						
July 25,	By Dispensation		Graham Chapter,			$90 00
Oct. 9,	By	"	Goldsboro'	"		90 00
1855.						
June 1,	By Dues from		Montgomery Chapter,		No. 23,	15 00
" 1,	"	"	Chorazin	"	No. 13,	15 00
" 1,	"	"	Lafayette	"	No. 11,	15 00
" 2,	"	"	Asheville	"	No. 25,	15 00
" 4,	"	"	Concord	"	No. 1,	15 00
" 4,	"	"	Phœnix	"	No. 2,	15 00
" 4,	"	"	Concord	"	No. 5,	15 00
" 4,	"	"	Eureka	"	No. 7,	15 00
" 4,	"	"	Keystone,	"	No. 19,	15 00
" 4,	"	"	Oxford,	"	No. 8,	15 00
" 4,	"	"	Union,	"	No. 17,	15 00
" 4,	"	"	Mt. Lebanon,	"	No. 27,	15 00
" 4,	"	"	Cherokee,	"	No. 14,	15 00
" 4,	"	"	Germanton,	"	No. 24,	10 00
" 6,	"	"	Gaston,	"	No. 18,	30 00
						$415 00
To amount paid T. W. Brown, Grand Treasurer, as per receipts,						$415 00

HENRY P. RUSSELL,

June 7, 1855. *Grand Secretary.*

LIST OF CHAPTERS UNDER JURISDICTION

OF THE

Grand Chapter, North Carolina.

Concord,	No. 1.	
Phœnix,	" 2.	
Mt. Ararat,	" 3,	No returns.
Roanoke,	" 4,	No returns.
Concord,	" 5.	
Temple,	" 6,	No returns.
Eureka,	" 7.	
Oxford,	" 8,	No returns.
Warrenton,	" 9,	No returns.
Raleigh,	" 10,	No returns.
Lafayette,	" 11.	
Conoho,	" 12,	No returns.
Chorazin,	" 13.	
Cherokee,	" 14.	
	" 15.	
	" 16.	
Union,	" 17.	
Gaston,	" 18.	
Keystone,	" 19.	
Salisbury,	" 20,	No returns.
Cyrus,	" 21,	No returns.
Lincoln,	" 22.	
Montgomery,	" 23.	
Germanton,	" 24.	
Asheville,	" 25.	
Louisburg,	" 26.	
Mt. Lebanon,	" 27.	
Graham, / Goldsboro',	U. D.	

RETURN OF CHAPTERS,

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Chapter of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. L. 5855.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. I—*WILMINGTON.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	H. P. Russell, - - -	H. P.
"	O. L. Fillyaw, - - -	K.
"	E. J. Lutterloh, - - -	S.
Comp.	W. C. Howard, - - -	C. H.
"	I. Northrop, - - - -	P. S.
"	D. Teller, - - - -	R. A. C.
"	M. Cronly, - - - -	M. 3d. V.
"	J. Lyon, - - - - -	M. 2d. V.
"	M. McInnis, - - - -	M. 1st. V.
"	J. A. Taylor, - - -	Treasurer.
"	Thos. B. Carr, - - -	Secretary.
"	H. W. Foy, - - - -	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

R. Morriss,
J. H. Flanner,
D. A. Lamont,
A. J. Howell,
Thos. Marshall,
Thos. Cowan,
L. H. Marsteller,
A. McRae, Jr.
T. F. Peck,
Thos. J. Faison,
W. W. Harriss,
E. V. Kelly,
Wm. Murphy,
C. McMillan,
Alex. Lamont,
Alfred Smith,
P.W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.
A. Martin, P. G. H. P.
A. McRae, Sr., P. H. P.
D. McMillan, P. H. P.
R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.
John Branton,

N. T. Harriss,
D. Kahnweiler,
G. R. French,
T. F. Gause,
John Christian,
Thos. F. Robeson,
John Nutt,
Thos. W. Brown,
D. E. Roberts,
John D. Powers,
J. M. Foy,
J. H. Dall,
T. C. Worth,
W. J. Price,
W. C. Parks,
Wm. A. Burr,
J. A. Silliman,
J. E. Metts,
T. D. Meares,
John S. James,
J. I. McDugald,
W. C. Wilkings,
J. H. Allen,
A. A. Brown,
Jos. Green,
Jas. T. Miller,
R. Fenner,
A. B. Chesnut,
Wm. G. Jones,
Wm. Huntington,
T. Burr, Jr.
John Smith,
Owen Fennell,
James Burney,
R. E. Troy,
J. A. Barnes,
W. E. Freeman,
H. Hirsh,
John Garwood,
C. T. Murphy,
J. H. Wright,
J. Wilkinson,
W. D. Smith,
S. Teller,
R. Maxwell,
George Harriss,
M. C. Turrentine,
J. B. Price,
James Snow,
Samuel Langdon,
J. Mathews,
J. B. Russell,
M. Neuhoff,
E. Turlington,
W. H. Turlington,
A. Empie, Jr.
T. H. Lane,
S. D. Wallace,
B. G. Bates,
A. P. Repiton,
John Banks,
Luther Wright,
J. R. Beaman,
John Walker, Jr.
Owen Holmes,
R. Strange, Jr.
T. P. Ricaud,
W. E. Robitzh,
John D. Moore,
J. H. Prichett,
P. D. Frawick.

Eight exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions; ten regular meetings; thirteen special meetings.

PHŒNIX CHAPTER, No. II—*FAYETTEVILLE.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	A. M. Campbell, - -	H. P.
"	Jas. McDaniel, - - -	K.
"	Joseph Arey, - - -	S.
Comp.	J. A. McLaughlin, - -	C. H.
"	George Lauder, - -	P. S.
"	John Laurence, - - -	R. A. C.
"	J. D. Williams, - - -	G. M. 3d V.
"	James Dodd, - - - -	G. M. 2d V.
"	J. B. Starr, - - - -	G. M. 1st V.
"	W. Prior, - - - -	Treasurer.
"	W. S. Fowlkes, - -	Secretary.
"	David Wemyss, - -	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John McRae,	B. F. Pearce,
E. L. Winslow,	A. H. Whitfield,
Isham Blake,	C. P. Jones,
E. Glover,	S. F. Venable,
J. McRay Alford,	J. A. Worth,
J. C. Moore,	J. R. Carter,
J. B. Walton,	J. McD. Jessup,
J. B. Furguson,	A. P. Hurt.

Five exaltations; one rejection; two withdrawals.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. V—*TARBOROUGH.*

OFFICERS.

James Mehegen, - - - - - -	H. P.
H. T. Clark, - - - - - -	K.
Elisha Cromwell, - - - - -	S.
William Norfleet, - - - - -	Treasurer.
Louis C. Pender, - - - - -	Secretary.
W. S. Long, - - - - - - -	C. H.
William Harrell, - - - - -	P. S.
Kenneth Thigpen, - - - - -	R. A. C.
Mayo Worsley, - - - - - -	M. 3d V.
John Knight, - - - - - -	M. 2d V.
A. J. Cotten, - - - - - -	M. 1st V.
Josiah S. Pender, - - - - -	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Benjamin M. Jackson,
Daniel S. Crenshaw,
Benjamin Batts,
P. S. Sugg,
Arthur S. Mooring,
Jesse H. Drake,
John F. Hughes,
John R. Mercer,
Redden Daughtery,
Arthur Freeman,
William Andrews,
Louis Bond,
R. H. Pender,
W. H. Smith,
John H. Drake,
John Mooring,
William S. Duggin,
James Nelson,
William F. Mercer,
James F. Jenkins,
A. J. Cotten,
Nathan Adams,
John D. Jenkins.

No exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. VII—*NEWBERN.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Peter Custis, - - -	High Priest.
"	John Harvey, - -	King.
"	M. A. Outten, - -	Scribe.
Comp.	John D. Flanner, -	C. H.
"	John D. Whitford, -	P. S.
"	I. Disosway, - - -	R. A. C.
"	Alex. Miller, - - -	G. M. 3d V.
"	S. D. Sparrow, - -	G. M. 2d V.
"	L. R. Clark, - - -	G. M. 1st V.
"	E. R. Stanley, - -	Treasurer.
"	C. S. Allen, - - -	Secretary.
"	T. P. Ricaud, - -	Chaplain.
"	Wm. H. Jones, - -	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

A. T. Jerkins,
E. W. Montford,
James Hayward,
George Green,
O. S. Dewey,
F. B. Harrison,
Allen Blount,
James A. May,
W. R. Frizle,
J. A. Murrill,
O. S. Griffin,
W. C. Hunter,
T. R. Wilson,
Wm. B. Wellons,
E. R. Coward,
Jacob Utley,
Wm. J. Pope,
Jesse Hartt,
David Marshall,
Jos. A. Hartley,
Francis Merritt,
Jos. Whitty,
F. S. Humphrey,
J. A. Hodge,
John Shackleford,
Isaac Ramsey,
R. A. Russel,
A. F. N. Rolfe,
C. S. Primrose,
W. A. Pugh,
Wm. H. Oliver,
Rich'd D. Warren,
John H. Lane,
Calvin Cox,
J. M. Patrick,
J. Q. Gillet,
M. F. Arendall,
S. D. Pool,

Levi A. Mewburn,	S. Attmore,
M. L. F. Redd,	J. F. Jones.

Seven exaltations; one death; one withdrawal; one admission.

LA FAYETTE CHAPTER, No. XI—*HILLSBOROUGH.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Henry K. Nash, - - -	H. Priest.
"	Daniel D. Phillips, - -	King.
"	Thomas Webb, - - -	Scribe.
Comp.	John M. Wolf, - - -	Capt. of Host.
"	Pride Jones, - - - -	P. S.
"	Calvin E. Parish, - -	R. A. C.
"	Alexander Dickson, -	G. M. 3d V.
"	John F. Lyon, - - -	G. M. 2d V.
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"	Joseph Allison, - - -	Treasurer.
"	James M. Palmer, - -	Secretary.

MEMBERS.

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John J. Freeland,	

Four exaltations; one rejection; one withdrawal; no deaths; two expulsions; no suspensions.

CHORAZIN CHAPTER, No. XIII—*GREENSBOROUGH.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	C. P. Mendenhall, -	High Priest.
"	John L. Cole, - -	King.
"	Joseph Sears, - -	Scribe.
Comp.	J. B. Gretler, - - -	P. S.
"	J. F. Howlet, - - -	C. H.
"	John Donnell, - -	R. A. C.
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"	James Kirkman, - -	G. M. 1st V.
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"	Joseph A. Houston, -	Treasurer.
"	Harrison J. Warren, -	Janitor.

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Orestes Smallwood,
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Geo. G. Walker,
Wm. P. Watlington,
Wm. Henderson,
Joseph Sears,
John A. Graves,
Henry Schneider,
A. P. Sperry,
John Ireland,
——— Wray,
T. D. McQuistian.

Six exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; three deaths.

CHEROKEE CHAPTER, No. XIV—*HERTFORD.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Jos. G. Granbery, -	High Priest.
"	Dempsey Barclift, -	King.
"	Wm. Small, - - -	Scribe.
Comp.	Jos. M. Cox, - - -	C. H.
"	Jon'n W. Albertson,	P. S.
"	Geo. H. Freer, - -	R. A. C.
"	M. D. Hathaway, -	G. M. 3d V.
"	M. O. Jordon, - -	G. M. 2d V.
"	Josiah H. White, -	G. M. 1st V.
"	Richard Felton, - -	Treasurer.
"	Edwin Bruce, - -	Secretary.
"	John G. Berry, - -	Tyler.

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John H. Hinton,
James R. Hoffler
Dr. R. K. Speed,
Thomas Palmer,
Rev. Evin Forbes,
Malichi Bonshell,
Wm. Harrall,
Rev. John A. Doll,

No exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions ; no suspensions.

UNION CHAPTER, No. XVII—*DUPLIN.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Thomas Wright, -	High Priest.
"	Benj. C. Bowden, -	King.
"	David Wright, - -	Scribe.
Comp.	Joel Loftin, - - -	C. H.
"	Jas. W. Blount, - -	P. S.
"	Daniel Bowden, -	R. A. C.
"	Wm. J. Hill, - -	M. 3d V.
"	Speight Hill, - - -	M. 2d V.
"	D. K. Kornegay, -	M. 1st V.
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Evret Peterson,
H. W. Faison,
H. H. Hodges,
L. W. Humphreys,
C. D. Hill,
Henry Grimes,
Thos. B. Hill,
James G. Branch,
James Cannon,
David C. Maxwell.

Five exaltations; no rejections; one withdrawal; three deaths; no suspensions; no rejections.

GASTON CHAPTER, No. XVIII—*ROXBOROUGH.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	E. G. Reade, - -	High Priest.
"	Chas. H. Bradsher,	King.
"	Wm. O. Bowler, -	Scribe.
Comp.	J. W. Hunt, - - -	C. H.
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"	J. Drumright, - -	R. A. C.
"	B. M. Williams, - -	3d V.
"	John Baird, - -	2d V.
"	Thos. H. Nelson, -	1st V.
"	C. S. Winstead, -	Treasurer.
"	Wm. R. Webb, - -	Secretary.
"	John Ellison, - -	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

J. P. Moore, C. H. Jordan, G. M.
Jas. Barnett, R. C. Bailey.

Three exaltations; one death.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. XIX—*PLYMOUTH.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	William Bagley, -	High Priest.
E.	Henry B. Short, -	King.
"	Thomas E. Pender,	Scribe.
Comp.	Thos. B. Nicholls, -	C. H.
"	Henry A. Gilliam, -	P. S.
"	Enoch Jones, - -	R. A. C.
"	Isaac Kelly, - - -	G. M. 3d V.
"	George U. Pearce, -	G. M. 2d V.
"	James Magee, - -	G. M. 1st V.
"	Joseph Ramsey, - -	Secretary.
"	Joseph A. Spruill, -	Treasurer.
"	Silas Murray, - -	Tyler.

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John McC. Boyle,
John Brown,
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William W. Ward,
James W. Sikes,
Edwin H. White,
Thomas P. White,
Warren W. Ward,
Charles G Phelps,
John Simmons.

No exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; one death; no expulsions; no suspensions.

LINCOLN CHAPTER, No. XXII—*LINCOLNTON.*

MEMBERS.

M. E.	Dr. Will. Sloan, - -	High Priest.
"	E. S. Barrett, - -	King.
"	J. T. Alexander, -	Scribe.
Comp.	J. A. Caldwell, - -	C. H.
"	J. A. Jetton, - - -	R. A. C.
"	L. P. Henderson, -	P. S.
"	M. J. Aydlott, - -	M. 1st V.
"	M. King, - - - -	M. 2d V.
"	D. A. Jenkins, - -	M. 3d V.
"	Z. A. Moss, - - -	Janitor.

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Thos. W. Bradburn,
A. J. Hause,
J. C. Smith,
R. F. Sloan,
Rev. E. J. Meynardie,
J. H. Goodell,
G. Mausteller.

Six exaltations.

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. XXIII—*MONTGOMERY.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	C. W. Wooley, - -	High Priest.
"	J. H. Montgomery, -	King.
"	S. H. Christian, - -	Scribe.
Comp.	——— ———, - -	C. H. (dead.)
"	——— ———, - -	P. S. (withdrawn.)
"	C. J. Cochran, - -	R. A. C.
"	J. B. Ballard, - -	M. 3d V.
"	Wm. G. Deberry, -	M. 2d V.
"	P. P. Ballard, - -	M. 1st V.
"	James M. Lilly, - -	Secretary.
"	Wm. McRae, - -	Treasurer.
"	S. M. Ballard, - -	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

John Boggan,
N. B. Miller,
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Jeremiah Luther,
Hugh G. Lucas,
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D. S. Munroe,
Dr. P. W. Wooley,
D. Hearne,
Robert M. Allen,
Dr. O. Hadley,
Jas. C. Andrews,
John T. Mathison.

One withdrawal; one death.

GERMANTON CHAPTER, No. XXIV—*STOKES.*

OFFICERS.

Comp.	J. S. Gibson, - -	High Priest.
"	B. Jones, - - - -	King.
"	Y. H. Gwinn, - -	Scribe.
"	L. R. Gibson, - -	C. H.
"	A. L. Belting, - -	P. S.
"	D. E. Field, - -	M. 3d V.
"	G. H. Rennager, -	M. 2d V.
"	Wm. N. Gibson, -	M. 1st V.
"	W. W. Stedman, -	Secretary.
"	Wm. S. Gannaway,	Treasurer.
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MEMBERS.

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J. Stiers,
P. Felter,
P. Hutcherson,
S. S. Bryant,
A. M. Limeback,
R. G. Mays,
J. E. Shults,
H. Holder.

ASHEVILLE CHAPTER, No. XXV—*BUNCOMBE.*

OFFICERS.

Comp.	Joshua Roberts, - -	High Priest.
"	Jas. W. Patton, - -	King.
"	John Burgin, - - -	Scribe.
"	R. B. Vance, - - -	C. H.
"	G. W. Whitson, - -	P. S.
"	G. Speare, - - - -	R. A. C.
"	E. W. Chanceaulme,	M. 3d V.
"	J. McDunn, - - -	M. 2d V.
"	J. M. Davidson, - -	M. 1st V.
"	J. R. Osborne, - -	Treasurer.
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"	J. L. Crumley, - -	Chaplain.
"	G. W. Shacelford, -	Janitor.

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Jas. A. Patton,
Wm. Bryson,
J. T. Weaver,
J. A. Reagan,
Z. B. Vance,
J. M. Varnell,
Rev. John Reynolds.
Wm. Hicks.

Two exaltations; one withdrawal; two deaths.

LOUISBURG CHAPTER, No. XXVI.

OFFICERS.

Comp.	James Reid, - - -	High Priest.
"	Albert M. Noble, -	King.
"	James H. Yarboro, -	Scribe.
"	Jos. J. Harper, - -	C H.
"	N. F. Reid, - - -	P. S.
"	Jos. B. Littlejohn, -	R. A. C.
"	A. Thomas, - - -	G. M. 3d V.
"	W. Harris, - - -	G. M. 2d V.
"	N. B. Mapnburg, -	G. M. 1st V.
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"	W. F. Sykes, - -	Tyler.

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John H. Brown,
Calvin B. Walker,
Wm. H. Strother, Jr.,
Nathan B. Walker,
L. A. Jeffreys,
Wm. B. Foster,
B. H. Sorsly,
David W. Williams.

Ten exaltations.

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER, No. XXVII—*WILSON.*

OFFICERS.

Comp.	Larry D. Farmer, -	High Priest.
"	Wesley Swift, - -	King.
"	A. E. Gill, - - -	Scribe.
"	W. H. G. Sikes, - -	C. H.
"	B. H. Bardin, - -	P. S.
"	W. B. Turner, - -	R. A. C.
"	Moses Farmer, - -	G. M. 3d V.
"	J. G. Williams, - -	G. M. 2d V.
"	W. F. Baron, - -	G. M. 1st V.
"	J. W. Aycock, - -	Secretary.
"	W. D. Thomas, - -	Treasurer.
"	D. W. Barnes, - -	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

William Gay,
Harrington Daniel,
B. C. Strickland,
Henry King,
D. S. Crenshaw.

Advanced to the honorary degree of M. E. Master, three; passed to the Oriental Chair, three; received and acknowledged M. E. Master, three; exalted to the most sublime degree of Royal Arch Masons, three.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

TENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

In Wilmington, N. C.

ON MONDAY THE SECOND DAY OF JUNE, A. L. 5856, A. I. 2386, A. D. 1856.

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To H. P. of Chapter No.

You are hereby ordered to cause the Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter to be road in your Chapter within two months after receipt.

PETER CUSTIS, G. H. P.

Attest: THOMAS B. CARR, G. S.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE M. E. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF N. C.

Begun and held in the Hall of St. John's Lodge No. 1, in Wilmington, N. C., on Monday, the second day of June, A. L. 5856, A. I. 2386, A. D. 1856.

PRESENT:

M. E. PETER CUSTIS,	G. H. P.
E. O. L. FILYAW,	G. K. *pro tem.*
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JAMES REID,	CHAPLAIN. "
Comp. L. R. LOFTIN.	G. M.
" W. H. JONES,	G. P. S. "
" H. P. RUSSELL.	G. R. A. C. "
" T. W. BROWN,	G. M. 3D V. "
" P. W. FANNING. P. G. H. P.	G. M. 2D V. "
" T. J. UTLEY,	G. M. 1ST V. "
" T. B. CARR.	G. SECRETARY.
" H. W. FOY,	G. TYLER.

Companions M. Cronly, E. Turlington, and R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.

The Grand Chapter opened in ample form with prayer by Reverend Companion James Reid, G. C. pro tem.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following committee:

On Credentials—T. W. Brown and W. H. Jones.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR. *G. Secretary.*

TUESDAY MORNING, June 3, 9½ o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. PETER CUSTIS,	G. H. P.
E. Z. M. PASCHALL,	G. K.
E. T. PAGE RICAUD,	G. S.
L. R. LOFTIN,	G. M.
JAMES REID,	G. CHAPLAIN.
W. H. JONES,	G. P. S. p. t.
J. W. BLOUNT,	G. R. A. C.
J. B. FERGUSON,	G. M. 3D V.
T. J. UTLEY,	G. M. 2D V.
H. C. HURDLE,	G. M. 1ST V.
T. W. BROWN,	G. TREASURER.
T. B. CARR,	G. SECRETARY.
H. W. FOY,	G. TYLER.

Companions P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., M. Cronly, E. Turlington, E. F. Watson, A. M. Campbell, J. R. Fuller, C. D. Hill, D. Watkins, R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., D. A. Lamont, Josiah McCulloch, Jas. Mehegan, H. P. Clark, Benj. A. Batts, Wm. Long, A Martin, P. G. H. P., W. J. Price, H. P. Russell, John A. Stanley.

The Committee on Credentials, through Comp. Thomas W. Brown, Chairman, made the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

The Committee on Credentials report the following representatives from their respective Chapters, as properly entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

Concord Chapter,	No. 1	T. W. Brown, Proxy H. P. O. L. Fillyaw, K. D. A. Lamont, Scribe.
Concord Chapter,	No. 5	James Mehegan, H. P. H. T. Clark, K., W. S. Long, S.
Eureka,	No. 7	W. H. Jones, Proxy for H. P. K. and Scribe.
Oxford,	No. 8	Z. M. Paschall, H. P., J. R. Fuller, Proxy for K.
Raleigh,	No. 10	Thomas J. Utley, Proxy for H. P.
Union,	No. 17	J. W. Blount, H. P. and Proxy for Scribe.
Union,	No. 17	C. D. Hill, King.
Keystone,	No. 19	P. W. Fanning, Representative.
Montgomery,	No. 23	R. G. Rankin, Proxy for H. P. K. and S.
Germanton,	No. 24	J. S. Gibson, H. P., and R. G. Mays, Proxy for K.
Louisburg,	No. 26	James Reid, H. P., and J. R. Fuller, Proxy for K.
Graham,	No. 28	E. F. Watson, H. P., James McCullock, S.
Mount Ararat,	No. 3	Companion Capehart, H. P.

Asheville, ...No. 25....M. Cronly, Representative.
Phœnix, ...No. 2....James B. Ferguson, Proxy K.
Phœnix, ...No. 2....A. M. Campbell, Proxy S.

T. W. BROWN, } *Committee.*
W. H. JONES, }

On motion of Comp. T. P. Ricaud, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with, each member being furnished with a printed copy.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following committees:

On Unfinished Business—H. T. Clark, A. M. Campbell, T. J. Utley and E. F. Watson.

On Charters and Dispensations—F. M. Capehart and J. W. Blount.

On Returns and Proceedings of Sub-Chapters—P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., C. D. Hill, James Reid, J. B. Ferguson and O. L. Fillyaw.

The M. E. G. H. P. submitted his Annual Report:

COMPANIONS:—

As Representatives of your respective Chapters, you have again met together for the purpose of settling all difficulties which may have arisen; of giving such advice and instructions as may seem most conducive to their peace, and of devising such measures as may best advance the great cause of benevolence and virtue.

The God of our Fathers has been invoked to be with us in our deliberations; to enlighten our understandings, and to harmonize our feelings—and it remains for us, in all our conduct during the present session, by striving to subdue every discordant passion within us, to render ourselves worthy of his presence—it remains for us, by bending every energy to the great cause in which we are engaged, so to perform our duty here that we may return to our homes with the proud satisfaction of having fully discharged our duty to the craft.

In reviewing the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, since its re-organization in 1847, I think we have no ground for dissatisfaction, but, on the contrary, ample cause for thankfulness. Royal Arch Masonry has been, and is steadily increasing; but nine years have elapsed since a number of Chapters, barely sufficient, met for the purpose of re-establishing this Grand Body; and now, twenty-seven Chapters in different parts of the State, with a membership constantly increasing and with earnest hearts and minds, are busily engaged in rebuilding the House of the Lord.

And here—while we are taking the first steps in our advancement, and laying the foundation of our future prosperity and usefulness—a word of warning may not be amiss. It is an old but true adage, that "Strength does not consist in numbers." The tendency of human nature is so prone to corruption, that the moral strength and purity of all human associations must decrease in an inverse ratio, as their numbers increase; and how much more rapidly must disorganization ensue, when the fundamental laws and requisites of admission into a society, are set aside or neglected. How highly this truth was appreciated, and how carefully guarded against, is evinced in all the laws and charges of our own beloved order. How plain is the language, that "The claims of every candidate should be examined with the most scrutinizing eye, and none admitted, but those who will promote the great ends of our noble institution;" and with what particularity does Masonry demand from each High Priest, at his installation the solemn promise, "that he will not exalt any one to this degree, who has not shewn a humane and charitable disposition, or who has not made a considerable proficiency in the foregoing degrees." How important is it, when we reflect, that we are "building a Spiritual House, an holy Priesthood to offer up sacrifices acceptable to God.

Remember! that when an unworthy candidate is exalted, you are not only admitting an impure heart and defiled hand to minister at your altar; that you are not only placing an imperfect piece of work in the House of the Lord—but you are unlocking the hearts of all Royal Arch Masons, throughout the world and thrusting upon their companionship an unworthy brother, and erecting a living monument to your own disgrace.

The proficiency required by the laws of Masonry, before advancing a brother, is, not only that he has acquired knowledge enough to work his way into a Lodge or Chapter, but from all the ceremonies and charges as set forth in her ritual, a moral advancement is clearly contemplated. The first duty taught the entered apprentice, is his duty to his God, in never mentioning His sacred name, without that reverence due from the creature to his Creator. If any brother, after his initiation, should shew no signs of moral improvement, and be habitually guilty of taking the name of God in vain, the first sublime lesson of Masonry has fallen unheeded upon a stony heart. How can the Master of a Lodge, without a blush of shame in passing that brother to the sacred degree, assure him that his regular deportment and upright conduct have merited the honor conferred upon him. The man who knows not or does not his duty to his God, can never know or do his duty to his neighbour. Do not understand me to mean, that Masonry looks for a profession of religion, as one of the requisites for admission within her portals; but I do say, that morality is absolutely indispensable: without it, Masonry is nothing; and though actuated by a false zeal, we may make a display of our emblems, and carry with us the signs and badges of Masons, yet, without morality, they would be nothing but meaningless symbols; professions without principles, and pretensions without the slightest foundation. Every Mason should feel that on him rests the character of the whole fraternity, and in his hands are placed, for weal or woe, the prosperity and usefulness of the order throughout the world. It is no light burthen that a Mason bears, when, as an Entered Apprentice, he dons the garb of a perfect and upright Mason—when, as a fellow craft, he takes upon himself the great and responsible duty of displaying the discretion, the virtue and the dignity which becomes a worthy and exemplary Mason; and when, as a Master Mason, it becomes his duty to correct the errors of his less informed brethren; to fortify their minds with resolution against the suares of the insidious, and to guard them against every allurement to vicious practices. Thus step by step, in each degree, does Masonry progress towards perfect morality; and, as we advance in light, our responsibilities increase.

To the mind capable of reflection and desirous of instruction, the light first received in the Lodge grows brighter and brighter, until the summit and perfection of Ancient Masonry being attained, purity of heart and rectitude of conduct become the real guarantee of entrance into the Sanctum Sanctorum. He who wishes to profit by the lessons taught him, must not be too anxious to advance in his masonic career, but must "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" all pertaining to one degree, before taking upon himself the responsibilities of another.

Candidates are too often hurried through their masonic course with electric speed, and before their eyes have become accustomed to the dim twilight of the first degree, they are dazzled by the full refulgent light of the noonday sun; and it is vain to expect a brother, who has not been properly taught, to appreciate or perform the important duties of Royal Arch Masonry. It is to this rapid mode of making Masons, that the prevailing indifference of the companions in attending Chapter meetings is owing—and it is to the want of information, proceeding from the same cause, that is owing the lamentable fact, that Masons are so often compelled to exclaim in the bitterness of their hearts, with David the Psalmist—

"It is not an open enemy that hath done me this wrong; for then I could have borne it. Neither was it mine adversary that did magnify himself against me; for then, peradventure, I would have hid myself from him. But it was thou my companion, my guide, and my own familiar friend."

Companions, if you abide by the ancient landmarks of the order, and apply the tests which masonry orders, to every applicant, you will really be a band of brothers—one in deed and in truth—nobly emulating with each other in doing good, diffusing light and knowledge, and cultivating masonic and christian charity. Then will your Chapters be as beautiful as the Temple, peaceful as the Ark, and sacred as its most Holy place.

True knowledge lies at the end of a "rough and rugged road"—and Masonry offers to him, who wishes to obtain it, all that is necessary to aid and support him on that toilsome path; but all her means must be used as she directs, or the wearied traveller will gain the summit of the hill with his eyes still darkened by the veils of ignorance. The path, at the outset, is dark and gloomy, and "the workers of iniquity lay snares and gins to catch the feet of the unwary;" but by a constant moral application of all the symbols—the use of which has been taught him, in each step of his masonic journey—the leprosy of sin is eradicated from his bosom, holiness to the Lord is engraven on all his thoughts, words and actions; and with the great Book of Light and Revelation to instruct him, he at length reaches the height and pinnacle of all human wisdom; a true knowledge of the living God, and a love and reverence for His holy name.

Say not that "the standard is too high, that no candidate comes up to it, and if the test had been applied, we, ourselves, would have been excluded;" but reflect, that Masonry, herself, has laid down most decisively, the qualifications she requires of all ap-

plicants; and if none are worthy, far better would it be that Masonry should cease to exist, and her light, which has shown upon the world for so many ages, should expire, than that her badges should cease to be badges of honor, and her distinctions should no longer be more honorable than any other rank conferred by human hands.

If we feel that we are unworthy, let the duty be more sacred, not to admit those equally unworthy, but strive to return to the ancient purity of our earliest fathers, and hand down to the next generation, the sacred cause of benevolence and virtue, without a spot or blemish of false pretensions on Masonry's fair escutcheon.

In regard to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, it is to be most earnestly desired that, at the present convocation, some definite action will be taken. Some of our subordinates are greatly in need of instruction, and are compelled to depend upon such chance opportunities as may present themselves; thereby, rendering it utterly impossible to obtain that great desideratum—Uniformity of Work.

Our Chapters are so few in number, and so widely separated, that it would not sufficiently remunerate a Royal Arch Grand Lecturer; and I would, therefore, recommend to the consideration of this Grand Chapter, the propriety of authorizing their Grand High Priest to consult with the Grand Master of the State at the next communication of the Grand Lodge, and, if possible, to appoint some suitable companion, who will be able to lecture both Lodges and Chapters.

There have been no applications made to me for dispensations for new Chapters during the past year; and I am satisfied that, in one or two instances, at least, the high price of a Charter has been the principal cause. Could the General Grand Chapter, on proper representation, be induced to lessen that, one great end would be obtained, and a great drawback to our prosperity would be removed.

In September next, the General Grand Chapter assembles; and it will be, in my opinion, the most important session ever held by that Grand Body. Their greatest object has been to produce harmony and uniformity of work, throughout the various jurisdictions of the United States; and the result, thus far, has been a failure—a failure perhaps most fortunate for the prosperity of our order.

At its session, in 1853, there was a uniform system of work attempted to be introduced, upon which a minority report was made, denouncing the system then presented for adoption, as being entirely contrary to, and subversive of the ancient landmarks of Masonry. Companion Mackey, M. E. Grand High Priest of South Carolina, uses the following language in his address to the Grand Chapter of that State, in Feb'y last:

"Mature reflection has led me to the irresistible conclusion that if the system proposed in 1850, and subsequently attempted to be introduced in 1853, should be adopted in 1856, then Royal Arch Masonry will cease to be a study worthy of the investigation of an intellectual Mason; that all the symbolism, connected with the omnific word, will have departed from its Ritual; and, that, in a few years, the writings of the most distinguished scholars on this subject, will become as unintelligible to the Mason as they are now to the profane; and that the whole system, being thus dissevered from all its historical and philosophical associations, must rapidly fall into decay—for these involve the very life and perpetuity of the order."

I have always been opposed to seceding from the General Grand Chapter, but am strongly in favor of its abolishment. The multiplication of Grand Bodies, renders the government of subordinates unnecessarily complex; and when the Great Head endeavors to remove the ancient landmarks, and fails to perform those duties for which it is tolerated, it should cease to exist.

The brightest intellects of the land may congregate, and "be prompted by the sincerest desire for the good and prosperity of the order," but if their legislation is injudicious, and tends to destroy the life and perpetuity of the order for which they legislate—far better would it be if they had never met. The mere fact of a murderer's intentions being good, neither checks the fatal blow, or afterwards infuses life into its dead victim.

But there *is* a hope that at its next session, an effort will be made to adopt a system of work, "acceptable to all, and in accordance with the ancient landmarks of the order. Then, if the barren Fig Tree blossoms not, root it from the ground, and let it no longer sap the life of more healthful plants, striving to bear good fruit under its noxious shade.

In conclusion, Companions, I would like to return you my thanks, could I find language appropriate to express my deep gratitude for the distinguished honour you have conferred upon me; but my words, checked in their current by my heart, fail me, and I can only say, that "the heart feels most when the lips move not."

Respectfully submitted,

PETER CUSTIS, G. H. P.

On motion of Comp. A. Martin, it was

Resolved, That the report of the G. H. P. be received and spread upon the minutes,

and also that it be referred to a special committee for the disposal of its several subjects.

Committee—Comps. A. Martin, R. G. Rankin and W. G. Thomas.

Companion T. Page Ricaud, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made the following report; which was, on motion, received and made the special order for this afternoon at three o'clock.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report that the following Proceedings of Grand Chapters, and other documents have been placed in their hands, embracing Massachussetts, for 1854; New York, Indiana, Iowa, Texas, Vermont, Illinois and Alabama, for 1855; and Louisiana, for 1856. Also, a circular containing a list of elected officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of New Hampshire, for 1855; and another from the Grand Secretary's Office, of Mississippi, communicating the following resolution of that Grand Chapter:

Resolved, That full and complete statistics of all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the United States, are of immense value to each, and that some course should be adopted to insure full and complete returns, from each Subordinate Chapter, of all exaltations, admissions, withdrawals, rejections, suspensions, expulsions, and deaths; together with the amount of annual dues paid in; number of Members, with the names of individuals in each case; and that it be the duty of the Grand Secretary to condense the same in tabular form, in the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

Your Committee are happy to express the great pleasure they have experienced by a perusal of these valuable documents, evincing, as they do, unmistakable evidence of the steady and cheering advance of our Royal Ark, and the no less gratifying assurance of the harmonious relations, happily subsisting in all its various departments.

Thus will it ever be, so long as the great principles of our association are properly understood and practiced, and every member thereof is animated, *alone*, by the *true spirit*, so peculiarly characteristic of her profession.

We now present for your consideration, in the order as arranged, the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of

MASSACHUSETTS.—At length, we are happy to find that this Grand Chapter has aroused to a sense of the propriety of publishing her proceedings, that mutual benefit might be derived by an interchange of fraternal courtesies.

The proceedings before us contain an abstract of the doings of sundry meetings, commencing Sept'r 1853, and ending Dec'r 1854,—but in them, your committee find nothing of general interest, unless it may be an able address of the M. E. G. H. P. Stephen Lovell, giving a brief history of Royal Arch Masonry in Massachusetts, from the organization of the Grand Chapter to the time reported. There is no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

STATISTICS.—No. of Chapters, 14.

NEW YORK.—The transactions of this Grand Chapter are mostly of a local character; but, as our New York Companions never do things by the halves, the report of her Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Comp'n Finley M. King, is well digested, able, full and complete—reviewing with fidelity the various proceedings under charge—its fault, if any, being in its *length*.

In reviewing that portion of the Maryland proceedings, touching the anointing of a H. P., the N. Y. Committee awards to the Chairman of that report the praise of "having turned some very handsome periods on that subject." But the Committee failed to aver that the General Grand Chapter had, with ruthless hands, defaced one of the most beautiful features which embellish the most dignified office in the Chapter. The Committee agree with Maryland as to the great advantage of adopting a uniform Royal Arch Masonic Year. North Carolina has, heretofore, given it her sanction; and your Committee would now suggest the month of June, or perhaps May, as the most *seasonable* time of the year, convenient for all sections of the country, being neither too hot for the South, nor too cold for the North.

In regard to exclusive legislation by the General Grand Chapter in favor of Maryland, or any other Grand Chapter, relative to the R. and S. M. Degrees, or any other matter, such a precedent would be totally inadmissible—let what ever may be done, be done effectually—suffer not one to add, another to substract.

In noticing the proceedings of Texas, the Committee indulge in the following well-timed remarks—

"We notice quite a lengthy report of a Committee, containing a code of laws governing cases of discipline. It is well devised, but it appears to have too many formalities for practical use. The simpler a code of laws can be framed for Masonry, the better. There are few, if any, jurisdictions in the United States, better governed than that of Connecticut, and its laws are the fewest and simplest of any."

The New York Committee, in speaking of North Carolina, (1854,) facetiously remarks, that "the Report on Foreign Correspondence occupies nearly a page and a half." It might have been an act of justice to the author of that report, to have added, that he had "*nearly* an *hour and a half*, in which to prepare it." The length of the subsequent report, from the same pen, will probably make amends for previous delinquency.

On a question in the Indiana proceedings, relative to compulsory evidence, the New York Committee remarks, that "any *witness* may decline to answer a question which may tend to degrade or criminate himself." Certainly, we think an unquestionable right.

The New York Committee are entitled to our thanks, for their efforts to obtain and shed light on English R. A. Masonry. It appears, that "The relation which the G. R. A. Chapter of England bears to the Grand Lodge, is nothing more than being attached in name, in the same manner as all private Chapters, holding Charters from the Supreme Grand Chapters, are (and must be) attached to Lodges on the Registry of the Supreme Grand Lodge of England." The names of the officers vary materially from those in the United States; the ceremonies are also quite different—no veils, &c., &c. The Grand Chapter does not interfere, as a body, with the Grand Lodge; it merely regulates and governs R. A. Masonry, and usurps no higher *exclusive* authority." All the intermediate Degrees, of M. M., P. M., and M. E. M., are unknown or dispensed with, as are also those of R. and S. Master—all being viewed as useless appendages.

Appended to the New York Proceedings is a most excellent address, by the venerable Grand Chaplain, Rev. Salem Town.

STATISTICS.—No. of Chapters, 70; Members 2296; Exaltations, 487.

INDIANA.—In examing the proceedings of this body, we find nothing claiming our attention, unless it be the fact of discovering and learning from the report of a Select committee, which was appointed relative to uniformity of work, that they are laboring under the same difficulty that we are, in North Carolina. The existence or prevalence of this evil amongst us, is to be deeply regretted, and your Committee would suggest the propriety of some action being taken by this Grand Chapter, at its present session, to correct it. Something ought to, and must be done, to secure uniformity of work throughout our jurisdiction.

STATISTICS.—No. of Chapters, 27; Members, 857; Exaltations, 172.

IOWA.—The spirited address of the M. E. G. H. P., T. S. Parvin, assures us that the Grand Chapter will keep pace in her efforts for good with her elder sisters. He brings to the notice of the Grand Chapter, many subjects of interest; evidencing too, great zeal and success in his labors, during the last year.

In referring to the G. G. Chapter, he does not hesitate to censure that Grand Body for its usurpation, as he avers, of the Past Master's Degree. Poor thing! It is doomed to be cuffed by every passer by; and is the sport and jeer of all who cultivate an acquaintance. Iowa has passed a resolution, urging the G. G. Chapter to relinquish all jurisdiction over the "so called P. M.'s Degree." Why not make a wholesale business of it and include the M. M. and M. E. Masters? Then would the Royal Arch Degree in this country stand on a footing with that of England.

The G. H. P. is "of opinion that sound policy dictates, that our doors should be closed against all non-affiliated Masons,"—in which your Committee can never concur.

STATISTICS.—No. of Chapters, 9; Members, (two Chapters not included,) 183; Exaltations, 87.

TEXAS.—The M. E. G. H. P. Comp'n H. R. Cartmell, in his respectable address, represents the Craft in that region as in a healthy and prosperous condition. He admonishes, with great propriety, the Chapter to due caution in the admission of candidates: "They should first," he remarks, "understand the teachings of the Blue Lodge, and prove themselves worthy by their industry, integrity and skill."

A memorial from Bastrop Chapter, No. 23, was read, and on motion referred to the Committee on Petitions. It contained the following statement:

"During the year 1853, a Worthy Master Mason presented his petition to this Chapter, for the several degrees conferred therein, and asked that his might be considered a case of emergency, as he was about to leave on a tour that would prevent his being with us for the six months next ensuing. The rule requiring the petition to lie over until the next meeting was suspended. The Committee appointed to examine into the case, reported favorably, and, upon the ballot being had, he was found duly elected, and the three preparatory degrees were conferred the same night; and, also, a meeting was appointed to exalt him, at which a companion appeared and objected to his exaltation, declaring that he would have rejected him, had he been present when the ballot was had. The objections were found to be of a personal character, and a Committee

was appointed to endeavor to reconcile the matter, which failed; whereupon, as High Priest, I did not feel at liberty to confer the degree, and so the matter has rested ever since."

Your Committee fully concur with the decision, and also the course pursued by the H. P., in trying to reconcile the parties, and would suggest that it is an example of Masonic administration worthy to be imitated by all Masonic Lodges. The only regret is the failure of a reconciliation, especially when we are informed that it was a *personal matter*, and that the "parties were both of equal respectability"—obstinacy being no part of Masonic character.

STATISTICS.—No. of Chapters, 47; Members, 1,524.

VERMONT.—The address of the M. E. G. H. P. Comp'n P. H. Tucker, is devoted principally to a well-merited and feeling tribute to the memory and Masonic virtues of a venerable and most worthy deceased Companion, and P. G. H. P. Matthew B. Haswell; he deserved it all. The memory of the "*good and true*," should be perpetuated. The honors we give to those who have gone before us, never fail to dwell upon the heart of the surviving worthy in a solemn and refined pleasure. To the dead, flattery has no calls for its hollow homage. They hear it not; or if they hear, have no equivalent to give for the pains of the flatterer. Thus, we may believe that hypocrisy never mingles with our respect for the dead; for these testimonials are paid only to the worthy, whom all must revere in sincerity and truth. Hence we observe that our acts in memory of the dead afford a melancholy but abiding pleasure to the generous heart; for such a heart is never more truly happy, than in the performance of a good action, with neither hope nor prospect of reward.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review in a proper spirit the Proceedings of such Grand Chapters as were placed in their hands. We are unable to make up *Statistics* from the published Proceedings.

ILLINOIS.—The M. E. G. H. P., in his communication to the Grand Chapter, remarks: "I am gratified to be able to say, that nothing has occurred during the past year to mar the harmony existing between this body and our sister Grand Chapters, and I am also gratified to report the flourishing condition of Masonry throughout this jurisdiction."

Comp'n H. G. Reynolds, from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, made quite a voluminous report, wherein the prominent transactions of many of the Grand Chapters were brought to view, with such comments as the occasion suggested.

The proceedings of our own Grand Chapter arrest the attention of the Committee, who are pleased not to pass us by altogether unnoticed, but with much truth observe, "That the Grand Chapter of the 'Old North State' convened at Wilmington, June 4th, 1855. Whole number of Chapters, twenty-seven—fourteen represented. Peter Custis, G. H. P.; Thomas B. Carr, Grand Secretary.

A resolution was introduced to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter which was lost."

We beg to correct the Committee in another part of their report, where they credit North Carolina with the organization of a Grand Council of R. & S. Masters; in this they likely have fallen into an inadvertent error, as no such organization exists. A charter is in existence which may probably be revived.

STATISTICS.—No. of Chapters, 25; Members, (exclusive of two Chapters,) 778; Exaltations, 188. This Chapter, as we humbly conceive, very improperly publishes names of rejections.

ALABAMA.—The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are barren of the usual Communication of the G. H. P., or any report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which your Committee very much regret; because it is always gratifying, if not instructive, to hear the views and criticisms of all who take an interest in Masonry.

Our sister of Alabama seems to have had a quiet and harmonious session, and was called to mourn the decease of her late esteemed Grand Lecturer, Comp'n David Hartwell. "Peace be to his memory."

STATISTICS.—We are enabled to state only the number of Chapters, which are 59.

The proceedings embrace those also of the Grand Council of the R. and S. Masters.

LOUISIANA.—The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are of an interesting character, and evince a determination to pursue a straight forward course.

The G. H. P., in his address, remarks "that he is happy to say, that R. A. Masonry in this State, is generally in a healthful and prosperous condition," also, that "there are no jarring interests or conflicting claims of jurisdiction, in R. A. Masonry, as in times past in this State; all are united under one head." This is, as it should be, and we take great pleasure in congratulating our Companions in Louisiana at the happy termination of all past feuds—may it be perpetuated.

The G. H. P., in alluding to the commencement that had been made by the Grand Chapter towards procuring a library, remarks, "that if a small sum could be appropriated annually towards procuring useful Masonic works, in a few years the Grand Chap-

ter would be in the possession of a valuable and useful library." Would it be amiss for our Grand Chapter to profit by the suggestion? We believe not.

He truly remarks, "that personal feelings should not influence us, either to reject a worthy applicant, or recommend an unworthy one," and we would add, in the language of the M. E. G. H. P., of New York, "that we should endeavor in our deliberations, to preserve our Institution, by abstaining from all partizanship, whether civil or religious."

Your Committee would add, that among true Masons none of these can operate. Neither religious enthusiasm, or political intolerance should be permitted to enter, and disturb the sacred retreat of friendship and brotherly love. Blind, indeed, must be that brother who does not see and *know*, that Masonry is not to be fettered by the restraints of bigotry, nor darkened by the gloom of political prejudice. The private opinions of each, being matters of principle between God and themselves, they are left to pursue them, according to the suggestions of their own reason, and the dictates of their own consciences—remembering that we are all brethren, and in duty bound to forget every local prejudice, geographical distinction, or national peculiarity, which would interfere with the harmony of our relations.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of an intelligent Comp'n, J. Q. A. Fellows, and does credit to the author. The various proceedings reviewed, are treated with uncommon courtesy and liberality. After some very handsome and pertinent introductory remarks, the committee properly say, in allusion to the contemplated efforts to discard the Past Master's Degree, that they "are satisfied with the action of the G. G. Chapter on this subject in 1853," and would wish that the matter might now be let alone. It injures no one as it is. It has always been the same, since the earliest recollection of the oldest Royal Arch Mason. We all like it. Why then not let it alone? The Committee speak of being censured by New York for granting Charters to three Chapters, *gratis*, in 1854.

Under ordinary circumstances, such a course could not be justified—but, at the time, the peculiar condition of the parties immediately interested—perhaps of the entire association might have been such as to warrant a deviation from strict Masonic propriety. In such case, however, a sanction should be sought from the proper quarter, by communicating the facts.

In a lengthy review of the course of Virginia, the Committee remark, that "the objections to the G. G. Chapter, made by our Companions of Virginia, are, for the most part, bugbears of their own creation, a semblance of which would hardly be found were *they* only in the fold, and we only regret that we shall not have the pleasure of meeting them there as members."

The Committee quote approvingly from the Proceedings of Mississippi, as follows:

Resolved, That duelling is unmasonic, and, therefore, should not be tolerated among Royal Arch Masons.

"This sentiment meets the entire approbation of your Committee, and they cannot express their views better than in the words of the Committee who reported the above resolution. They say this practice "is calculated to bring reproach upon our time-honored institution; all civil and religious organizations reprobate it in the strongest terms, and we can see no good reason why it should be tolerated among Royal Arch Masons. We regard it as being contrary to the spirit of the age in which we live; against all laws, human and divine. We know that the press, the pulpit, and a refined sentiment, are, and have been wielded against this barbarous practice, yet we find that men who stand high in public estimation, from mistaken notions of honor, are ready to challenge their fellow-men to mortal combat, forgetting all law, both human and divine. We have never known a duel that could not have been honorably avoided. We think one of the 'cardinal virtues' is to subdue our passions, and that Masons should not return 'railing for railing,' but should each endeavor to obey the laws laid down by the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and that no Mason should be engaged, either as principal or second, in any duel. But when Masons, who have communed together, so far forget themselves, their obligations, and the ties which should bind them together, as to be engaged in a duel, one with another, we know no language of condemnation too strong to be passed upon them.

The Committee add, that "This is strong language, and we heartily coincide with it. This is the first movement we have noticed in any Grand Chapter, or, indeed, in any Grand Masonic body, with the exception of the Grand Lodge of California, upon the subject; and it gives us pleasure to see our near neighbors of Mississippi take the initiative step in this movement, which we hope will, at no distant day, remove all occasion for any notice of so unpleasant a subject, and lead to a total discontinuance of the reprobated practice throughout our country and the world."

We learn from the same source, that these sentiments meet with the hearty commendation of the Grand Chapter of Maine, and trust that North Carolina will not be

behind her sister Grand Chapters in the good work of reform, involving the most sacred principles of humanity.

In quoting from the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of Rhode Island, the following extract is given: "Respecting Chapter organizations, and the number of Degrees conferred therein, in Pennsylvania," he says, "we know but little, and the Committee are unable to give any authentic information on the subject.—Their impression is, that the same charter which authorizes the first degree of Masonry, also authorizes the conferring of the seventh, or R. A., leaving out the intermediate degrees."

So little light emanates from Pennsylvania, that some are at a loss to know what degrees are legally conferred in her Chapters. Louisiana professes to be equally in the dark. The editor of the Mirror and Keystone, in a recent number, sets the matter right. He says, "The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania is an independent body; nobody, we believe, doubts that fact, or that she persists in keeping aloof from a bondage voluntarily assumed, or embraced by her sisters. It is hoped that, in steering her own ship, no variation of compass will imperil her among breakers; and no deviation from the true course laid down upon the Masonic Chart, cause her to throw out signals of distress, repenting the refusal of a proffered convoy. In explaining the condition of R. A. Masonry, the Editor further says, "no one can be exalted in a Chapter in Pennsylvania, who has not received in addition to the Symbolic degrees, the M. M. P. M. and M. E. Master degrees."

We agree with our Louisiana Companions, that "it would be the wisest course to do as Illinois has done, and thereby compel [invite] our sister Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, to come out and speak for herself, if she indeed be alive."

For their complimentary notice of North Carolina, we return the Committee our thanks, and while it is gratifying to us to have the approval of so intelligent a Mason as our Companion Fellows is acknowledged to be, yet, when we consider the position and character of our esteemed Companion, P. G. H. P. P. W. Fanning, we are not surprised at the compliment so gracefully bestowed.

We would furthermore add, that in the good, "Old North State," we aspire to nothing brilliant in Masonry—but fearlessly, and we hope respectfully, pursue the course and advocate those principles, which, to our humble understanding, accords most rationally with our profession.

The Committee, in quoting from our last year's proceedings, comment thus: "This is strong language, and yet, when we consider the occasion, we cannot but approve of it. To be sure, with us, it has become so much a matter of habit, by the daily occurrence here of similar ideas, for the last fifty years, indeed back to the time the memory of Masons runneth not to the contrary, that but little attention is now paid to it, or perhaps we might say, it has met with tacit approval. That foreign system of '*haunt grades*,' brought amongst us at the first, and which claimed, and for years exercised supreme control over every department of our beloved order in this State, was only partially broken down a few years since, by a few determined minds among us, like unto our Companion Fanning. The congratulations tendered us on the final settlement of all our difficulties, are thoughtfully acknowledged; and we hope, though not without fear that they will no more return. Our fears spring from the same cause of which our Companion complains; that is, two much exclusiveness, engendered by these same higher degrees. We write above, not from any prejudice we have against the 'higher degrees,' for we are, on the whole, inclined in their favor, but reasoning from their effect, as seen amongst us, we wished to throw out a word of caution."

Your Committee fully concur in the above, and would express the hope that the day is not far distant when there shall not exist the slightest cause for fear.

After other commendatory notices, the Committee close with this comprehensive sentence: "We have little to fear and much to hope from our Companions of North Carolina."

The Committee, in reviewing the Address of the G. H. P. of Iowa, says: "He is 'clearly of the opinion that sound policy dictates that our doors should be closed against all unaffiliated Masons,' with which (say the Committee) we heartily agree."

We fraternally ask the Committee, and all others entertaining similar sentiments, to give the subject their more serious consideration, and see if, by any plausibility, they can reconcile with the solemn pledges that bind *all* Masons, so uncharitable, so inconsistent a bearing towards a brother. It is feared that some of the contaminating influences of the many semi-benevolent societies daily springing into existence, are permitted almost imperceptibly to creep in among us. The doors of our hearts should be closed against all such intrusions.

The degrees or order of High Priesthood, and Past Master appear to be running the gauntlet, receiving a kick and a cuff from every passer-by. Even our Louisiana Companions give the High Priesthood an occasional tap, and would like to ask some old man of forty years' standing, "if the order of Past Masters was not usually performed

after the brother had left the chair? In reply we would say, that we have some such Masons among us, who suggest an inconsistency, in performing the ceremonies, of placing a person in the chair *after* he has left it. The title, if we mistake not, is Present or Past Master Degree.

STATISTICS.—No. of Chapters, 19; Members 601; Exaltations, 94.

A resolution, adopted by the Grand Chapter of Missouri, to the effect that all candidates, at the time of application, should be members of a Subordinate Lodge, and be required to pass an examination in the previous degrees before advancing, is, in our estimation, a most salutary regulation, and if adopted by our Grand Chapter, would add very much to the intelligence and efficiency of our order in North Carolina, and shed lustre upon the name and fame of Masonry. We trust that in the multiplicity of subjects which will necessarily engage our attention, that this will not be overlooked.

We are sorry to see that the irregular practice of "adjourning" is still adhered to by some of our sister Grand Chapters, particularly Massachusetts, with whom it might possibly have been inadvertent. We hope, however, that the error will be corrected, and that the day is not far distant, when every practice and word not consonant with Masonic usage and *language*, shall be dispensed with, and a pure language once more prevail.

Some of the Grand Chapters still discuss the propriety of publishing *rejections*.—Such a course should never be sanctioned.

We notice in some of the reports before us, a misapplication of the term, *Heal*—it applies, strictly, only to degrees irregularly taken or conferred. An individual must first take a disease before he can be healed.

The next Convocation of the Gen'l Grand Chapter will be held in Hartford, Connecticut, next September, and as our Grand Chapter, is deeply interested in the deliberations of that body, and peculiarly so at this time, your Committee indulge the hope, that the M. E. G. H. P. will see to it that we are represented.

But few Grand Chapters acknowledge the receipt of our proceedings. We are assured by our Grand Secretary, that he regularly mails, at *intervals* of *six months*, two copies of our printed proceedings to the Secretary of each Grand Chapter in the United States. We have also complaints of the same character to make; and it is time this irregularity of mail conveyance was looked into and remedied. If the rubbish corners of some of our Offices were searched, they would doubtless be found prolific of stray, and so called worthless trash. Our receipt of Grand Chapter proceedings, as will be seen, is very meager.

Your Committee regret the necessity which compels them to notice the indifference of R.A.Masons to the sacred character of those duties they have voluntarily embraced, and the discharge of which, is so essential to the maintenance of Masonic virtue and integrity.

They seem, by their conduct, to regard the moral principles inculcated at the altar, and the obligations assumed, as so many metaphors, which, like the meteoric blaze, are only to dazzle for the moment—the impressive ceremonies peculiar to each degree, as so many farcical exhibitions of a prolific or inventive fancy!

Instead of evincing a due regard for the interest and prosperity of the order, by punctual attendance at our stated or called convocations, they more frequently repair to political gatherings, where, catching the proscriptive spirit of political intolerance and partizanship, the bond of companionship is weakened, if not destroyed, and the moral and social government of Masonry, to the extent of their conduct subverted. Others, it seems, are zealous and devoted Masons, so long as they are elevated to posts of honor by the suffrages of their companions—when that ceases, their devotion to the institution ceases with it. They seem to be influenced by the *love of office*; *of power!*—that mental pestilence and scrofula of the human mind, which has been chiefly the cause of all the miseries with which societies, and especially ours, have been visited. It is that idolatry, which, like the sin of Moses at the waters of Marah, brings its curses not only on the head of the idolater himself, but on the whole people.

Another class owe the painful consciousness of their delinquencies to the fact, that they aspire to a supposed greatness in the Masonic ranks, never dreaming that they, in the wisdom of their more experienced companions, might be required to serve as "hewers of wood, and drawers of water;" and, unfortunately, being the subjects of a morbid sensitiveness, if, as they humbly conceive, their talents are not appreciated, they withdraw from our connection in a cloud of disgust—forgetting that he who thus aspires to this sort of greatness, will only hand down to posterity a name of five, ten, fifteen or more letters, to be repeated in mock heroic poems, or tortured to death in the jaws of holly-day orators; to have every noble deed coupled with its relative meanness, which grows more dim in the same proportion that it detracts from the brilliancy of its parallel; to be praised when dead, by lips which scorned them when living; to become the anathema of those who knelt and flattered in their presence; and to add one more proof to the theorem, that fame and infamy are similar and collateral diagrams, which nothing but sophistry can separate.

We are aware that these are strong expressions, but we also remember the old and trite adage, that "Desperate diseases require desperate remedies." If, by these remarks, we can only succeed in effecting an improvement with even a *few* only, we feel that we will be amply compensated for the subjection of our name to the censure of the recusant.

Your Committee would be very remiss, indeed, if they failed to call the attention of your Grand Body to the fact, that there is much valuable matter, as they conceive, yet to be acted upon, and which is embraced in the able and elaborate report on Foreign Correspondence from the pen of our friend and Comp'n P. G. H. P., P. W. Fanning, and which was adopted at our last Grand Convocation.

CONCLUSION.

Your committee regret that, owing to circumstances over which they had no control, they have not been able to present to the consideration of your Grand Body a more full and complete report. They console themselves, however, with the assurance that its imperfections will be imputed to an error of the head and not of the heart. They rejoice to know that, notwithstanding the vicissitudes of this eventful and changing world, our order has gone on from conquering unto conquer. The Ancient Land-marks are as distinctly visible now as they were centuries ago. The passing clouds of prosperity now encircle its silvery top, and the dews of affection's night fall on its branches in drops of sacred peace.

Your Committee offer the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That hereafter no Chapter, under this jurisdiction, shall entertain a petition for the Degrees, unless the applicant be a member at the time, in good standing, of a Blue Lodge, who shall also be required to undergo a satisfactory examination in each Degree, as he advances.

2nd. *Resolved*, That each Chapter be, and is hereby required to have a lecture delivered by some one of their companions, quarterly—before it, if practicable—upon the subject of Masonic Law and Obligation, as well as the general duties of a Royal Arch Mason.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. PAGE RICAUD, *Chairman.*

A communication was presented by the G. Secretary from a joint committee of the Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment of Maine; which was, on motion, referred to a special committee.

Committee—Comps. Ricaud, Fanning and Loftin.

The Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment till this evening at 3 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Secretary.*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON—3 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

Officers as this morning.

Companions W. H. Jones, M. Cronly, Josiah McCulloch, E. F. Watson, James Reid, O. L. Fillyaw, Robert G. Mays, J. S. Gibson, D. Watkins, Calvin Cox, James Mehegan, A. P. Repiton, W. E. Freeman.

The committee on address of M. E. G. H. P. presented the following report; which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the able address of the M. E. G. High Priest for disposition of its several parts, recommend that the portion relating to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, be referred to the M. E. G. H. P., with full power to act in the premises, he being careful in his appointment to comply with the requisitions of the Grand Chapter in regard to the previous examination of the appointee.

The portion referring to the fees for charters, to a special committee, and so much as refers to the abolition of the General Grand Chapter to a committee of three, who shall report at the next annual Convocation, after procuring the proceedings of the approaching session of the General Grand Chapter.

The committee cannot fail to express their satisfaction of the high moral tone of the address and cannot too strongly recommend it to the careful perusal of every Royal Arch Mason.

Respectfully submitted,

A. MARTIN,
R. G. RANKIN.
WM. GEO. THOMAS.

The M. E. appointed the following committee on fees for charters: Comps. Mehegan and Gibson.

On abolishment of General Grand Chapter—R. G. Rankin, T. B. Carr, Z. M. Paschall.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was then taken up, and discussed and adopted.

Comp. Capehart, from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations, made the following report; which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report, that they have discharged their duty and find no business claiming their attention.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. CAPEHART, Chairman.

Comp. Clark, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report; which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Unfinished Business, having duly examined the proceedings of the last G. Chapter, ask leave to report, that all the business of the last Convocation seems to have been finally acted on, except the subject of the subordinate degrees, which was specially laid over for the present Convocation, and regarding the subject as important, we recommend it to the proper attention of this body.

We also find that the Committee on Returns and Proceedings at the last Convocation called attention to the fact, that Roanoke Chapter No. 4, Cyrus Chapter No. 21, and Warrenton Chapter No. 12, had made no returns for the last three years, and Conoho No. 12 had made none for two years, and suggested that they be required to appear at this Convocation to show cause why their charters should not be surrendered. No response was made to this suggestion, and the said Chapters are again without any returns to this Grand Chapter, and we respectfully suggest that some action should be taken by this present meeting on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY T. CLARK, Chairman.

On motion of Comp. Martin, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary publish, with the proceedings of this Convocation, the Constftution of the Grand Chapter, and also extra copies separate from the proceedings.

On motion of Comp. Reid, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter proceed to the election of officers to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

The Grand Chapter then called from labor to refreshment until this evening at eight o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Secretary.*

TUESDAY EVENING—8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

Officers and Representatives as this morning.

Comps. W. W. Harriss, W. H. Turlington, M. C. Turrentine, E. V. Kelley, J. Green, T. H. Lane, A. Martin, P. G. H. P., R. Morriss, D. Kahnweiler, W. G. Thomas, P. G. S., E. Turlington, M. Cronly.

The committee on that portion of the High Priest's address which refers to the reduction of the fee for a charter, presented the following report; which was, on motion, adopted:

The Committee on that portion of the M. E. G. H. P.'s address relating to charters, beg leave to recommend, that our Delegates to the General Grand Chapter be instructed to urge upon that Grand Body the propriety of leaving the rate of fees for a charter to be fixed by the several Grand Chapters.

JAMES MEHEGAN, } Committee.
J. L. GIBSON, }

The committee on subordinate degrees, through their chairman, Comp. W. G. Thomas, made a very able and interesting oral report, and were discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at half past nine o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING—9½ o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. PETER CUSTIS,	G. H. P.
E. Z. M. PASCHALL,	G. K.
E. T. P. RICAUD,	G. S.
M. CRONLY,	G. M., pro tem.
M. C. TURRENTINE,	P. S., p. t.
P. A. HOLT,	G. R. A. C.
J. B. FERGUSON,	G. M. 3D V.
J. W. BLOUNT,	G. M. 2D V., p. t.
H. C. HURDLE,	G. M. 1ST V.
T. W. BROWN,	G. TREAS'R.
T. B. CARR,	G. SEC'Y.
H. W. FOY,	G. TYLER.

Companions F. M. Capehart, W. H. Jones, T. J. Utley, J. McCulloch, R. G. Bays, J. S. Gibson, Calvin Cox, Jas. Reid, A. M. Campbell, James Mehegan, W. S. Long, D. Watkins, J. R. Hurst, Benj. Batts, D. A. Lamont, E. F. Watson, E. J. Lutterloh, C. D. Hill, J. R. Fuller, J. A. Taylor, T. M. Gardner, H. T. Clark, P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., A. Martin, P. G. H. P., A. Empie, jr., E. V. Kelly, E. Turlington.

Comp. Reid offered the following resolution, which was discussed and rejected:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter appropriate two hundred dollars of its funds to the Masonic College, now in progress of erection in the town of Oxford.

An election of officers, as per appointment, was held; which resulted as follows:

Companion	Peter Custis,	G. H. P.
"	E. F. Watson,	D. G. H. P.
"	Z. M. Paschall,	G. K.
"	T. P. Ricaud,	G. S.
"	Thos. W. Brown,	G. TREAS.
"	Thos. B. Carr,	G. SEC'Y.
"	A. M. Campbell,	G. M.

On motion of Companion Reid, it was

Resolved, That the officers elect of this Grand Chapter be installed this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings presented the following report; which was, on motion, received and adopted:

The Committee on Proceedings and Returns of Subordinate Chapters have carefully examined such as have been received, and herewith annex a list of the same, together with a table of statistics, &c., exhibiting their condition and operations, to-wit:

		Members	Exalted	Withdrawn	Died	Expelled	Rejected	Time of meeting.
Concord,	No. 1	110	7	0	1	0	0	1st & 3d Monday in each month.
Phœnix,	" 2	33	6	0	1	0	1	1st Tuesday, in each month
Concord,	" 5	32	0	1	2	0	0	
Eureka,	" 7	58	0	0	3	0	0	
Oxford,	" 8	28	0	0	0	0	0	
Raleigh,	" 10	34	3	3	1	0	0	
Lafayette,	" 11	28	0	0	0	0	0	2nd Thursday in each month.
Cherokee,	" 14	27	3	0	1	0	0	
Union,	" 17	31	5	9	0	0	1	2nd Thursday in each month.
Key Stone,	" 19	23	1	0	1	0	1	
Salisbury,	" 20	52	0	0	0	0	0	
Lincoln,	" 22	29	3	1	0	0	0	
Montgomery,	" 23	31	7	0	0	1	0	
Germanton,	" 24	32	7	0	0	0	0	
Asheville,	" 25	28	5	0	2	0	0	1st Monday in each month
Louisburg,	" 26	34	9	1	1	0	0	
Graham,	" 28	24	7	0	0	0	0	
		634	63	15	13	1	3	

By which it will appear that sixteen Chapters only have made returns, exhibiting a

Membership of	634
Exaltations,	63
Withdrawals,	15
Deaths,	13
Expulsions,	1
Rejections,	3

Whole number of Chapters under this jurisdiction 27—with an indeterminate membership.

The Committee regret to add, that many of the returns are imperfectly made up, disregarding the printed *forms* prescribed by the Grand Chapter. The attention of the several Secretaries is earnestly called to this point—that they will not procrastinate (a prevailing evil) to the last moment, then hurriedly batch up, perhaps on a refuse scrap of paper, what may with difficulty be deciphered as *returns*.

Montgomery Chapter, probably not comprehending the true intent of Section 6, Article 24 Grand Constitution, to the effect that all proceedings in case of expulsions should be sent up for confirmation, has failed to do so, consequently the individual will still remain, as before, in a state of suspension, and should not longer be suffered so to remain after the next Grand Convocation. The only Article in the Grand Constitution bearing on this point, is the one above referred to, which, unfortunately, is not sufficiently explicit, and reads thus: "A sentence of expulsion shall not take effect until confirmed by the Grand Chapter, but shall operate as a suspension of the delinquent."

The Committee further recommend, to those concerned, more care in stating intelligibly, and in figures, the number of members, exaltations, rejections, deaths, withdrawals and expulsions; also, the time of regular meetings. Vexatious mistakes and trouble will thereby be prevented.

There seems to be a want of care, in some of the Chapters, in regard to membership—the name of at least one individual appearing on three returns. The Secretaries are also cautioned to have all their documents properly authenticated, attaching the seals of their respective Chapters—this is particularly essential in certificates to the Delegates and Proxies to the Grand Chapter; and every Delegate should come so prepared. Looseness or inattention in these particulars is calculated to produce much confusion.

Some of our Chapters appear to have no seal. There is hardly excuse for this delinquency, especially at this time, when they can be so readily and cheaply procured.

The following Chapters have failed to make returns, viz: Mt. Ararat No. 3,* Roanoke No. 4, Temple No. 6, Warrenton No. 9, Conoho No. 12, Chorazin No. 13, Nos. 15 and 16 not filled. Gaston No. 18, Cyrus No. 21, Mt. Lebanon No. 27, Goldsboro No. 29.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING, Chairman.

*Received since the Grand Chapter closed.

On motion of Companion Ferguson, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary have a form of returns printed, and that he mail one copy to the Secretary of each subordinate Chapter one month before the annual communication each year.

The Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon at three o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—3 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Officers and representatives present as this morning.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the installation of officers, M. E. P. G. H. P. R. G. Rankin presiding.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments:

Comp'n	James Reid,	Louisburg,	G. Chaplain.
"	James Mehegan,	Tarborough,	G. P. S.
"	Thos. J. Utley,	Raleigh,	G. R. A. C.
"	J. W. Blount,	Duplin,	G. M. 3d V.
"	J. S. Gibson,	Germanton,	G. M. 2d V.
"	H. C. Hurdle,	Alamance,	G. M. 1st V.
"	E. Turlington,	Wilmington,	G. Tyler.

Finance Committee:—A. Martin, P. G. H. P., P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., T. W. Brown.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence:—P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., A. Martin, P. G. H. P., R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., James Reid, T. J. Utley.

On motion of Companion Capehart, it was

Resolved, That $30 be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter to the M. E. G. H. P., as travelling expenses incurred in attending our present convocation.

On motion of Companion Ricaud, it was

Resolved, That $30 be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter to the Grand Treasurer, $75 to the Grand Secretary, and $15 to the Past Grand Tyler.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was on motion received and adopted:

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books of the Treasurer and Secretary, and find them correct, and in proper form, and we submit the following report of the state of the finances, viz:

Cash on hand at last Convocation,		$673 53
Interest on money in the hands of the Grand Treasurer unappropriated,		12 00
Yearly dues paid by Subordinate Chapters,		300 00
Total,		$985 53
Paid amount of appropriation to St. John's College,	$200 00	
Paid Disbursements as per regular vouchers,	280 95	$480 95
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer,		$504 63
In addition to the above balance, there are in the hands of Grand Treasurer, three notes, the aggregate of which, with the interest now due, is,		1200 33
Total amount,		$1704 96

The following Chapters are in arrears :—

Roanoke,	No. 4,	$60 00
Temple,	" 6,	30 00
Warrenton,	" 9,	45 00
Conoho,	" 12,	45 00
Chorazin,	" 13,	15 00
Gaston,	" 18,	30 00
Cyrus,	" 21,	60 00
Mount Lebanon,	" 27,	15 00
Graham,	" 28,	15 00
Goldsborough,	" 29,	15 00
Amounting to		$330 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. W. BROWN,
P. W. FANNING,
A. MARTIN, } *Committee.*

On Motion of Comp. Rankin, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to issue a special notice to all Chapters, which are in arrears, or have failed to make returns for two years, requiring them to show cause at the next Grand Convocation, why their Charter should not be forfeited, agreeable to the provisions of the 16th Article of the Constitution.

The following resolution, submitted by Comp. A. Martin, was unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, A report submitted by Comp. P. W. Fanning, to St. John's Lodge, No 1., upon the subject of non-affiliated Masons, expresses the views of this Grand Chapter. Therefore

Resolved, That the same be adopted, and spread upon the Minutes of our proceedings.

REPORT.

The Committee appointed for the purpose of enquiring into the propriety of taking action relative to non-affiliated Masons beg leave to report, That they have given the subject that serious consideration which its importance demands, and irresistibly come to the conclusion that no authority can be found warranting any peremptory enactments calculated to disturb a Mason in the peaceful exercise of all the rights and privileges guaranteed to him on his initiation. What Mason was ever told upon his admission, that he was assuming obligations to enroll his name as a member of a Lodge, or to make quarterly contributions, unless he voluntarily chose so to do?

True, the ancient charges say, "every brother ought to belong to a Lodge"—very good; then by the same rule, every Lodge ought to admit every applying brother. Establish the rule that every brother *must* belong—then it necessarily follows that every Lodge *must* admit. The Committee apprehend that no member present is prepared to admit the propriety of any such rule. Besides, suppose a Mason should be required in obedience to a resolution, to join the Lodge or pay quarterage, and he accordingly applies, and is rejected; is not an insult thereby offered him, and would the Lodge still persist in exacting the tythe? There are certain duties and observances familiar to all who have been brought "to light," which are obligatory on every individual Mason, and which he cannot with impunity disregard; but then there are others, of a less imperious nature, which are altogether optional and not to be coerced.

That society or community which requires coercive measures to sustain it, stands upon a rotten foundation, and must eventually prove a fatality.

It is hardly possible to conceive a more delicate or perplexing question to legislate

upon, than the present one under consideration. It has attracted the attention of many, and the action of several of our Grand Lodges. Besides which, the subject has been largely dwelt upon in its various phases, by some of our most intelligent masonic writers and journals but all with no practically good results; every scheme so far advised has proved an acknowledged failure. Every Mason still continues to act his pleasure in regard to attaching himself to a Lodge, and every Lodge continues, as from time immemorial, to admit or reject at its option; so must this landmark continue not to be disturbed.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence of our last Grand Lodge, takes up this very subject, quoting the action of several other Grand Lodges thereon, all deprecating what they are pleased to stigmatise as a crying evil, and some adopting stringent measures with a view to its eradication. Our Grand Lodge seems not to have acted on the recommendation of their Committee to adopt similar measures. Had our Grand Lodge, like some others, unwisely enacted that every Mason should affiliate himself to the nearest Lodge, then would it have claimed a power which no G. Lodge under Heaven has the right to usurp—that of dictating to its subordinates their choice of members.

Our learned Bro. Mackey, of Charleston, in a work entitled, "Principles of Masonic Law," just issued from the Press, devotes a chapter to unaffiliated Masons, in which, very strangely, he opposes the right of coercion, while at the same time he imposes a penalty, or something tantamount thereto. For instance, he admits that in all times unaffiliated masons have existed, but complains that no penalty has followed the act of withdrawal. The reason is obvious. For, anciently, the principles of Masonry were well understood and practised; consequently, a Mason was not punished for an act which violated no pledge. Bro. Mackey quotes approvingly from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, as follows: "The object of Masonry never was to extort (*nolens volens*) money from its votaries. Such are not its principles or teachings." The advocating of such doctrines cannot advance the interests or reputation of the institution, but, as your Committee fear, do much to destroy its usefulness. Compulsive membership deprives it of the title "Free," and "Accepted." Why then not let the matter rest? Why seek to revolutionize Masonry in this particular, by the introduction of new impositions, undefined and unsanctioned by ancient record or tradition? But Bro. Mackey insists that every Brother, according to the old charges, ought to belong to a Lodge—so say your Committee—but it does not necessarily follow that he ought to be fined or otherwise dealt with for not so belonging. If your Committee mistake not, this injunction is contained in the charge to an initiate, viz: "Although your frequent appearance at our regular meetings is earnestly solicited, yet it is not meant that masonry should interfere with your necessary vocations, for these are on no account to be neglected." This, undoubtedly, is the true spirit of Masonry, and who but the Brother himself can know what actuates his conduct. Your Committee, while defending the general rights of unimpeached Masons, be they affiliated or otherwise, must not be understood as favoring obstinate estrangements, or contumelious bearing; neither are they to be regarded as apologists for those soulless Masons, who, from indifference, penuriousness, bigotry, affectation, or more reprehensible motives, are always ready to excuse themselves for not participating in the active duties of the Lodge, whilst their conscience never rebukes them in sharing its honors or enjoying its benefits.—After all, perhaps the existing relationship of which we complain, and which we so anxiously desire to alter, may be the wisest arrangement in the whole Masonic economy. Suppose for a moment, that all the heterogenous material herein suggested could be forced into membership; how soon would the Lodge decay, for want of that strength and support so essential to its existence.

Every individual who joins the institution, enters into solemn compact for the faithful performance of certain reciprocal duties, with which every Mason is or ought to be perfectly conversant; he likewise pledges himself to walk in the path of rectitude and guard against debasing influences. It is impressed upon him, that whenever he meets a brother, he meets a friend. It is never once intimated to him, that any barrier may possibly be interposed against his free intercourse with any legally constituted assemblage of Masons, wheresoever congregated.

Masons may reside in a community not embraced within the reasonable jurisdiction of any Lodge; in such case the principle of compulsory affiliation rigidly enforced would place those brethren in an awkward predicament, especially if their limited members preclude them from a Dispensation or Charter. Masons so situated, however, can never be relieved of those reciprocal duties; such as distress peremptorily demands, and the infirmities of human nature claim; and which are identical even with initiation. One great object in forming a Lodge is for the purpose of concentrating a more certain fund, applicable in a moment, as emergency may require; not as a mutual relief association, for the benefit alone of those who contribute, but for every worthy son of light whose situation claims our pity. Another object of a Lodge is to carry out more systematically the designs of the institution, that everything may be done in pro

per order and with decorum, that the principles upon which it is based may the more effectually be inculcated; and that by a more frequent and social intercourse, the cement of brotherly love might become strengthened, and every brother be brought to realize more sensibly the responsibilities he has assumed. In all this nothing selfish or exclusive could have been intended; all the household of the faithful are invited to participate in the rich feast thus bounteously prepared. No card of character need be displayed; a token of recognition will readily insure a welcome.

Brother Mackey, in his recent work on the subject under discussion, arrives at the conclusion that unaffiliated Masons are entitled to aid only in imminent peril; that they lose the right to receive pecuniary relief, and the general right to visit Lodges, or to walk in Masonic processions, and of Masonic burials. Your Committee, for substantial reasons herein set forth, do not acquiesce in that worthy brother's conclusions; on the contrary, they unhesitatingly assert, in brother Mackey's own language, that "no Mason can be deprived of his masonic rights, except after a trial with the opportunity of defence, and a verdict of his peers." The only exception to the rule is, when a Mason, whether affiliated or not, so far forgets his self-respect as to betray any ungentlemanly propensity, he may, for the moment, be temporarily restrained by the Master, who possesses all the power necessary to maintain order and preserve the harmony of his Lodge; for any abuse of that power, redress is to be sought by appeal to the Grand Lodge or Grand Master. None but members have the right, except by express permission, to take any part in the business or debates of the Lodge, and a want of circumspection would be just cause of exclusion in a visitor, as it would be of suspension in a member.

In view of what has been said, and not to become too wearisome, your Committee will sum up the result of their investigations in a few words. They will first premise that the By-Laws of all Lodges prescribe a certain routine, and stipulate the precise terms required of every applicant for initiation. The Lodge professes to make Masons, not *necessarily Members*; no allusion is made to involuntary or prospective tax. But every candidate is expressly bound, in his advancement, among other duties, to be governed by the ancient Regulations, and these say, "every brother ought to belong to some Lodge;" so he ought, provided his condition and that of the Lodge be in harmony; otherwise he *ought not*, and *cannot*; neither ought he, nor can he be taxed for the purpose of inducing that associated condition; which impels to the conclusion that all legislation calculated to impair the rights, priviledges, and guarantees of a Mason is impolitic and indefensible.

Respectfully submitted, P. W. FANNING, *Chairman.*

On motion of Comp. Reid, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and Concord Chapter, No. 1, for the use of their hall, and for the friendly manner in which they have entertained us during the present convocation.

Comp. Ricaud, Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the communication from a joint Committee of the Grand Chapter and Grand Encampment of Maine, presented the following report, which was on motion received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the interesting and suggestive Communication from the "Joint Committee on international Masonic Correspondence," beg leave to report, that they approve most cordially of the various suggestions therein contained, and believe that their accomplishment will be fraught with consequences prolific of good to Masonry. They would also recommend that the whole matter be placed in the hands of our Delegate who shall attend the next Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
T. PAGE RICAUD, Chairman.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow evening at eight o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Secretary.*

THURSDAY EVENING—8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. PETER CUSTIS,	G. H. P.
E. Z. M. PASCHALL,	G. K.
E. T. PAGE RICAUD,	G. S.
F. M. CAPEHART,	G. C. H. *pro tem.*
JAMES REID,	G. C.
CALVIN COX,	G. P. S. "
T. J. UTLEY,	G. R. A. C.
J. W. BLOUNT,	G. M. 3D V.
JOEL LOFTIN,	G. M. 2D V. "
W. H. JONES,	G. M. 1ST V. "
T. W. BROWN,	G. TREAS.
T. B. CARR,	G. SEC.
H. W. FOY,	G. TYLER.

Companions J. M. Monk, P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., A Martin, P. G. H. P., R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., D. A. Kornegay, D. Watkins, Geo. Wortham, James R. Hurst, M. Cronly

On motion of Companion A. Martin, it was

Resolved, That Comp. Fanning be requested to have such of the proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters as can be obtained, bound in suitable form for the use of this Grand Chapter.

On motion of Companion Capehart, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter are hereby tendered to Concord Chapter, No. 1, for the pleasant excursion they have this day given us, and for the delightful manner with which they have entertained us during the day.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Secretary.*

Registry of Subordinate Chapters under Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, from Returns received June 7th, 1856.

NAME.	NO.	LOCATION.	HIGH PRIEST.	SECRETARY.	EXALTATIONS.	REJECTIONS.	WITHDRAWALS	DEATHS.	EXPULSIONS.	TOTAL NO. OF MEMBERS.
Concord,	1	Wilmington,	A. Empie, jr.,	Thos. B. Carr,	7	0	0	1	1	110
Phœnix,	2	Fayetteville,	A. M. Campbell,	J. B. Ferguson,	6	1	0	1	0	33
Mt. Ararat,	3	Murfreesboro'	F. M. Capcheart,	J. T. Beaman,	3	0	1	1	0	27
Roanoke,	4	Halifax,	No Returns.							
Concord,	5	Tarboro',	James Mehegan,	L. C. Pender,	0	0	1	2	0	32
Temple,	6	Windsor,	No Returns.							
Eureka,	7	Newbern,	George Green,	J. F. Jones,	3	0	0	3	0	58
Oxford,	8	Oxford,	Z. M. Pasehall,	T. L. Hargrave,	0	0	0	0	0	28
Warrenton,	9	Warrenton,	No Returns.							
Raleigh,	10	Raleigh,	W. G. Hill,	T. J. Utley,	3	0	0	1	0	34
Lafayette,	11	Hillsboro',	Pride Jones,	H. K. Nash,	0	0	0	0	0	28
Cowho,	12	Hamilton,	No Returns.							
Chorazin,	13	Greensboro',	No Returns.							
Cherokee,	14	Hertford,	J. M. Cox,	Edwin Brace,	3	0	0	1	0	27
Union,	17	Duplin,	J. W. Blount,	J. G. Dickson,	5	1	0	0	0	31
Gaston,	18	Roxborough,	No Returns.							
Keystone,	19	Plymouth,	Wm. Bagley,	Joseph Ramsey,	1	1	0	1	0	23
Salisbury,	20	Salisbury,	L. Blackmer,	Martin Richwine,	0	0	0	0	0	52
Cyrus,	21	Milton,	No Returns.							
Lincoln,	22	Lincolnton,	James A. Caldwell,	J. T. Alexander,	3	0	1	0	0	29
Montgomery,	23	Montgomery,	C. W. Wooley,	J. M. Lilly,	7	0	0	0	1	31
Germanton,	24	Stokes,	J. S. Gibson,	W. H. Stedman,	7	0	0	0	0	33
Asheville,	25	Buncombe,	Joshua Rober,	M. M. Gains,	5	0	2	0	0	28
Louisburg,	26	Edgecombe,	Jas. Reed,	W. H. Furman,	8	0	0	1	0	34
Mt. Lebanon,	27	Wilson,	No Returns.							
Graham,	28	Graham,	E. F. Watson,	Wm. Faucette,	7	0	0	0	0	24
Goldsboro'	29	Goldsboro',	No Returns.							

FORM OF RETURNS FOR A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER.

Return of Chapter, No. working under the jurisdiction of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.

Regular Meetings held on

OFFICERS.

MEMBERS.	MEMBERS.

Exaltations.	Rejections.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Total Membrs

Form of Proxy for a High Priest, King or Scribe of a Subordinate Chapter.

I, A B, (High Priest, King or Scribe,) of Chapter, No. constitute Companion C D my proxy to represent me at the next Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina, to be held in Wilmington, on the day of in the year of A. I. 285 , *A. D.* 185 .

Witness my hand and seal, this day of A. D. 185 .

{SEAL.}

Grand Chapter of North Carolina in account with T. W. Brown Grand Treasurer.

1855.—June 7th.	To appropriation St. John's College,		$200 00
" June 9th.	To Grand Tyler,		15 00
" "	To Advertising in Recorder,		2 50
" "	To Wil. Commercial,		4 00
" July 14th.	To am't paid Grand Secretary,		79 00
" Octr. 8th.	To T. Burr, for printing,		117 93
1856.—Feb. 21st.	To Greensborough Patriot,		6 50
" "	To Carolina Watchman, for 1851,		2 34
" "	" " " 1852,		3 68
" "	To Jacob Hyatt's bill,		16 00
" "	To E. J. Hale, am't last year,		4 00
" "	To Appropriation Grand Treasurer,		30 00
" "	Amount to balance,		519 63
			$1000 58

1855.—June 8th.	By Balance of old account,			$673 58
1856.—June 3rd.	By Interest for money in hands of Gr. Treas.			12 00
" "	By dues Phœnix Chapter,	No. 2,		15 00
" "	" Mt. Ararat,	No. 3,		15 00
" "	" Eureka,	No. 7,		15 00
" "	" Concord,	No. 1,		15 00
" "	" Oxford,	No. 8,		15 00
" "	" Raleigh,	No. 10,		30 00
" "	" Lafayette,	No. 11,		15 00
" "	" Cherokee,	No. 14,		15 00
" "	" Union,	No. 17,		15 00
" "	" Keystone,	No. 19,		15 00
" "	" Salisbury,	No. 20,		30 00
" "	" Lincoln,	No. 22,		30 00
" "	" Montgomery,	No. 23,		15 00
" "	" Germanton,	No. 24,		15 00
" "	" Louisburgh,	No. 26,		30 00
" "	" Asheville,	No. 25,		15 00
" "	" Concord,	No. 5,		15 00
				$1000 58

T. W. BROWN, *Grand Treasurer.*

Grand Royal Arch Chapter in account with Thos. B. Carr, Grand Secretary.

1856.—June 1.	By dues from	Cherokee . .	Chapter,	. . .	No. 14,	. . . . .	$15 00
" "	" "	Montgomery,	"	. . .	No. 23,	. . . . .	15 00
" June 2.	" "	Concord, . .	"	. . .	No. 1,	. . . . .	15 00
" "	" "	Eureka . .	"	. . .	No. 7,	. . . . .	15 00
" June 3.	" "	Phœnix . .	"	. . .	No. 2,	. . . . .	15 00
" "	" "	Mt. Ararat .	"	. . .	No. 8,	. . . . .	15 00
" "	" "	Oxford . .	"	. . .	No. 8,	. . . . .	15 00
" "	" "	Raleigh . .	"	. . .	No. 10,	. . . . .	30 00
" "	" "	Lafayette .	"	. . .	No. 11,	. . . . .	15 00
" "	" "	Union . . .	"	. . .	No. 17,	. . . . .	15 00
" "	" "	Keystone .	"	. . .	No. 19,	. . . . .	15 00
" "	" "	Salisbury .	"	. . .	No. 20,	. . . . .	30 00
" "	" "	Lincoln . .	"	. . .	No. 22,	. . . . .	30 00
" "	" "	Germanton .	"	. . .	No. 24,	. . . . .	15 00
" "	" "	Louisburg .	"	. . .	No. 26,	. . . . .	30 00
" "	" "	Asheville . .	"	. . .	No. 25,	. . . . .	15 00
" "	" "	Concord . .	"	. . .	No. 5,	. . . . .	15 00
							$315 00
To amount paid T. W. Brown, Grand Treasurer, as per receipts,						. . . . .	$315 00

T. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

A LIST OF HIGH PRIESTS

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

M. E.	James F. McRee,	Wilmington,
"	Alex. McRae,	"
"	P. W. Fanning,	"
"	H. P. Russell,	"
"	Alfred Martin,	"
"	Isaac Northrop,	"
"	D. McMillan,	"
"	R. G. Rankin,	"
"	A. Empie, jr.,	"
"	Wm. G. Hill,	Raleigh,
"	E. B. Freeman,	"
"	John W. Crosby,	"
"	J. R. Harrison,	"
"	Jos. M. Cox,	Hertford,
"	Jos. G. Granbery,	"
"	J. W. Albertson,	"
"	E. Myers,	Salisbury,
"	A. H. Caldwell,	"
"	L. Blackmer,	"
"	T. B. Nicholls,	Plymouth,
"	Wm. Bagley,	"
"	J. Ramsey,	"
"	John McRae,	Fayetteville,
"	A. M. Campbell,	"
"	E. L. Winslow,	"
"	L. R. Loftin,	Duplin,
"	Eli. W. Hines,	"
"	Thos. Wright,	"
"	Jas. W. Blount,	"
"	Pride Jones,	Hillsborough,
"	E. F. Watson,	Graham,
M. E.	J. S. Pender,	Tarborough,
"	W. G. Thomas,	"
"	Lewis Bond,	"
"	Jas. Mehegan,	"
"	W. W. Daniel,	Halifax,
"	C. N. Webb,	"
"	Z. M. Paschall,	Oxford,
"	Wm. Burge,	Warrenton,
"	A. P. Yancy,	Murfreesboro',
"	F. M. Capehart,	"
"	P. P. Clements,	Hamilton,
"	C. H. Jordan,	Roxborough,
"	E. G. Reade,	"
"	C. W. Woolley,	Montgomery,
"	J. S. Gibson,	"
"	A. T. Jerkins,	Newbern,
"	Peter Custis,	"
"	H. K. Nash,	"
"	C. P. Mendenhall,	"
"	Geo. Green	"
"	Wm. Sloan,	Lincolnton,
"	Jas. A. Caldwell,	"
"	Jos. K. Bird,	Windsor,
"	Kater Biggs,	"
"	J. W. Haskins,	"
"	B. J. Sprnill,	"
"	Wm. Slade,	Hamilton,
"	Joshua Roberts,	Asheville,
"	James Reid,	Louisburg,
"	J. S. Gibson,	Germanton,
"	L. D. Farmer,	Wilson,

The above list comprises all the High Priests, as far as can be at this time ascertained. Should there be any omissions, the Grand Secretary would be pleased to receive notice, to enable him to make a complete Register.

CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS

WILMINGTON, June 2, A. D. 1856, A. L. 5856.

A Convention of High Priests assembled in St. John's Hall.

PRESENT:

M. E. A. MARTIN,	President,
" P. W. FANNING,	Master of Ceremonies,
" R. G. RANKIN,	Conductor,
" H. P. RUSSELL,	Recorder.
" PETER CUSTIS,	
" L. R. LOFTIN.	

Ex-Companion Jas. Reid, High Priest elect of Louisburg Chapter, No 26, presented his certificate of election, and was consecrated High Priest of the Order of Melchisedec, in solemn form.

H. P. RUSSELL, *Recorder.*

WILMINGTON, June 4, A. D. 1856, A. L. 5856

A Convention of High Priests assembled in St. John's Hall.

PRESENT:

M. E. A. MARTIN,	President,
" P. W. FANNING,	Master of Ceremonies.
" R. G. RANKIN,	Conductor,
" JAMES REID,	Recorder.

Ex-Companions J. R. Gibson, of Germanton Chapter, No. 24, and A. M. Campbell, of Phœnix Chapter, No. 8, presented their certificates of their election as High Priests of their respective Chapters, and were consecrated High Priests of the Order of Melchisedec, in solemn form.

JAMES REID, *Recorder.*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF N. C.

REVISED AND ADOPTED, JUNE 1851.

ARTICLE 1. This Grand Royal Arch Chapter shall consist of the following officers, viz: Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Marshal, Grand Tyler, together with the Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes, and of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes for the time being of the several Chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter. All of whom shall be entitled to a vote, except the Grand Tyler. *Provided*, that when any Past Grand officer shall cease to be a member of a Subordinate Chapter, his membership in this Grand Chapter shall cease.

ARTICLE 2. The regular Communications of this Grand Chapter shall be held in Wilmington, N. C., on the first Monday in June, in each year. And in case of the absence of the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King or Grand Scribe, or either of them shall preside, taking precedence according to rank; in the absence of all the above named officers, then the oldest Past Grand officer of those grades present; and if there be none of the Past Grand officers of the rank above named present, then the High Priest of the oldest Subordinate Chapter present, shall have power to preside, and the Representatives of three Subordinate Chapters shall constitute a quorum. And if, on the day of meeting, there be not a quorum present, the presiding officer may adjourn the Grand Chapter from day to day, until the close of the fourth day, when, if no quorum be present, the meeting shall be adjourned until the next annual meeting, unless sooner or especially convened.

ARTICLE 3. The officers of this Grand Chapter shall be chosen at each regular Annual Communication, for the term of one year. But should the Annual Communication not be held at the stated time, they shall hold their offices until others are choen. And the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests respectively, for the time being, shall have power to call special meetings whenever they shall deem it expedient, of which all the Subordinate Chapters shall be duly notified.

Article 4. All questions before this Grand Chapter shall be determined by a majority of votes cast.

Article 5. The constitutional officers of this Grand Chapter shall be elected by ballot, except the Grand Lecturer and Grand Tyler, who shall be respectively appointed by the Grand High Priest, all of whom, if present, shall be duly installed into their respective offices before the closing of the Grand Communication. And if any officer be absent at the time of his election or appointment, he shall be immediately notified by the acting Grand Secretary, with a request that he signify his acceptance or refusal of the office, within thirty days. And should any officer so notified, decline serving, or neglect to give notice within the specified time, then such office shall be deemed vacant, and be filled by the appointment of the Grand High Priest, or in case of his death, absence or inability, by the Deputy Grand High Priest, and all other vacancies of offices by death or otherwise, may be filled as above.

Article 6. None but a regular Royal Arch Mason, holding membership in a Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be admitted to a seat in this Grand Chapter as proxy, nor shall he represent more than three members at the same Communication. And all persons acting in that capacity must be furnished with credentials by the members so represented.

Article 7. The Grand Lecturer shall be furnished with a commission by the Grand High Priest, under the seal of the Grand Chapter, attested by the Grand Secretary, which commission shall remain in force until the next Annual Communication succeeding his appointment, unless revoked by the Grand High Priest. And it shall be his duty at the request of any Subordinate Chapter under this jurisdiction, to visit such Chapter, and instruct them in the work, lectures, and all things appertaining to the government of a Chapter, and the interest of Royal Arch Masonry. And the Chapter so employing him, shall make him such compensation as shall be agreed upon by the parties. He shall keep a record of his proceedings, and report the same to the Grand High Priest when required, and to the Grand Chapter, at its Annual Communication; and shall make no alterations in the work or lectures adopted by this Grand Chapter.

Article 8. A Committee of Three shall be appointed at each Annual Communication, immediately after the Installation of the Grand Officers, to be styled the Committee of Finance, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit all bills presented against the Grand Chapter, together with the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and re-

port at the Annual Communication immediately succeeding their appointment, and previous to the election of officers.—They shall also have power to invest from time to time any funds belonging to this Grand Chapter.

Article 9. This Grand Chapter, at every Communication, shall be opened in solemn form previous to the transaction of any business.

Article 10. The members of, and Representatives to this Grand Chapter, must appear properly clothed with the badges of a Royal Arch Mason.

Article 11. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall have their Books ready for examination at the commencement of each Annual Communication of this Grand Chapter; and for their services shall receive such compensation as this Grand Chapter may approve.

Article 12. Every petition to this Grand Chapter for a Warrant to open a new Royal Arch Chapter, must be signed by at least nine Regular Royal Arch Masons within this jurisdiction, and accompanied with a certificate from the Chapter within the State nearest the contemplated location of the new Chapter, vouching for the moral character and masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending that a warrant be granted them. And the Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priest, upon the receipt of such petition, if approved, shall grant his Dispensation for the same, to remain in force until the first Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter, thereafter, when said Chapter shall petition for a Charter, unless for satisfactory reasons the Warrant shall be continued until the succeeding Annual Communication, at which time application shall be made for a Charter, otherwise said Warrant shall be revoked.

Article 13. The fees for a Warrant for opening and holding a Royal Arch Chapter shall be Ninety Dollars, of which the Grand Secretary shall receive Ten Dollars, for his services in furnishing the same, and no Warrant shall be granted until the fees are paid. And when any Charter shall be granted to the Chapter having received such Warrant, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment of the same. But if a Charter be not granted, and said Warrant be withdrawn, then the fee shall be returned to the petitioners, excepting only such part thereof as may have been expended by means of their application.

Article 14. The several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall pay for the support thereof, into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, annually, the sum of Fifteen Dol-

lars. *Provided*, That Chapters working under a Warrant shall pay nothing for the time they shall have held such warrant.—But in case of extension of the time of application for a Charter, in which case they shall pay the regular fees of a Chapter under Charter, for the time so extended, and no Chapter in arrears shall have a vote in this Grand Chapter.

Article 15. No Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall change its location, except with the concurrence of this Grand Chapter, upon the application of a majority of the members of such Subordinate Chapter, recommended by the Chapter nearest the place to which it is proposed to be removed.

Article 16. Every Royal Arch Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall be represented at each Grand Convocation by their High Priest, King and Scribe, in person or by their respective proxies. And whenever the first three officers of a Subordinate Chapter, or any one of them cannot attend the annual meeting of this Grand Chapter, or shall fail to appoint his or their proxy or proxies to represent them or their Chapter, it shall be competent for such Chapter to elect or appoint a delegate or proxy. And at the Annual Convocations they shall make return of the names of their officers and members, together with all exaltations, deaths, suspensions, expulsions and withdrawals. And if any Chapter under this jurisdiction shall fail to assemble once in any year, or shall neglect to be represented in this Grand Chapter for two years in succession, or shall fail for two successive years to make returns as above, and pay its dues to this Grand Chapter, then, and in either case of delinquency, the said Chapter shall forfeit to the use of this Grand Chapter its Charter, with its records, jewels, regalia, and furniture, together with its monetary, and all other property of every description.

Article 17. The application of every candidate for the Degrees in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant, and recommended by a member of said Chapter. And said application shall lay over at least one meeting of said Chapter, for the consideration of its members, unless in cases of emergency, so deemed by a majority of the members present. And the vote, in all cases of application for the degrees or for membership, must be unanimous to admit.

Article 18. No Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall exalt any candidate to the degree of Royal Arch Mason, for a less sum than Twenty Dollars, and no candidate shall be balloted for until said fee is paid, and no note of hand shall be taken by any Chapter for such fee or any part thereof.

Article 19. No Companion, having been a member of any other Chapter, shall be admitted to membership in any Chapter under this jurisdiction, until he shall have paid all arrearages to the Chapter of which he was last a member.

Article 20. No Chapter under this jurisdiction shall exalt any candidate who is a resident of another State, where a Subordinate Chapter is established, without a special recommendation from the Chapter, in such State, nearest his place of residence, or from one of the three principal officers of the Grand Chapter of the State where he resides, and no candidate living within this jurisdiction shall receive any degree in any other than the Chapter which is nearest his place of residence, without a recommendation from said nearest Chapter.

Article 21. No Chapter or assembly of Royal Arch Masons which may hereafter be formed within this jurisdiction, shall be deemed legal without the sanction of a Warrant from this Grand Chapter; and all Masonic communication, either public or private, between any Chapter under this jurisdiction, or any of its members, and any Chapter so illegally formed, or any person therein exalted, is hereby strictly forbidden, and a breach of any part of this article shall be punished by expulsion, or exclusion from all the benefits of this Grand Chapter.

Article 22. The High Priest, King and Scribe of any Chapter under this jurisdiction, when not able to attend the Grand Communications, shall appoint their proxy or proxies, by a commission signed with their names with their seals affixed, which commission shall continue in force only during the year for which the said High Priest, King or Scribe was elected.

Article 23. This Grand Chapter shall have original jurisdiction over all matters of controversy which may arise between any of the Subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, or between members of different subordinate Chapters, and appellate jurisdiction in all matters of controversy, proper for Masonic investigation, arising in any Subordinate Chapter.

Article 24. When any member of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be accused of any offence, which if proved against him, would subject him to suspension or expulsion, the proceedings in the premises shall be conducted agreeably to the following rules:

1st. The accusation shall be made in writing over the signature of a Royal Arch Mason, and given in charge to the Secretary of the Chapter, who, under the direction of the High Priest, shall serve or cause the accused to be served with an attested copy of the charges, ten days at least before the time

appointed for the examination. *Provided*, the residence of the companion so charged shall be known, and shall be within the distance of twenty miles of the place where the Chapter is located. If the residence of the accused be at a greater distance than twenty miles, but within the State, then and in that case, a summons to appear and show cause, forwarded to him by mail or other conveyance thirty days before the trial, shall be considered sufficient service. If the residence of the delinquent be unknown, the Chapter may proceed to examine the charges ex parte.

2d. The examination of the charges shall be had in a Chapter, specially notified and convened for the purpose; at which no visitors shall be admitted excepting as counsel or witnesses.

3d. The accused may select his own counsel, and the witnesses shall testify on their honor; hearsay evidence shall be excluded.

4th. The question, is the accused guilty or not guilty? shall be distinctly put to each member, commencing with the youngest member. The answer shall be given standing, and in a distinct and audible manner. The Secretary shall record the same.

5th. If the verdict be suspension or expulsion, the proceedings shall be sent up at the ensuing meeting of the Grand Chapter for examination.

6th. A sentence of expulsion shall not take effect until confirmed by the Grand Chapter, but shall operate as a suspension of the delinquent.

7th. A companion feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of a Subordinate Chapter, shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Chapter, he having given due and timely notice to the Subordinate Chapter, of his intention so to appeal from its decision.

8th. Whenever this Grand Chapter shall reverse or abrogate the decision of a Subordinate Chapter, suspending or expelling a companion, and shall restore him to the benefits and privileges of Masonry, he shall not thereby be restored to membership within the body from which he was suspended or expelled, without its unanimous consent.

9th. In all respects other than those here specified, the proceedings shall be conducted agreeably to the regulations of Ancient Craft Masonry.

Article 25. No alteration or amendment of this constitution shall be made at any other than the regular annual communication.

Article 26. All former constitutions and by-laws of this Grand Chapter are hereby repealed.

RETURN OF CHAPTERS,

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Chapter of North Carolina,

June, A. L. 5856.

CONCORD CHAPTER No. I—WILMINGTON.

OFFICERS.

M. E. A. Empie, jr.,	High Priest.
E. O. L. Fillyaw,	King.
E. D. A. Lamont,	S.
J. M. Monk,	C. H.
E. J. Lutterloh,	P. S.
M. Cronly,	R. A. C.
T. M. Gardner,	M. 3rd V.
J. A. Stanly,	M. 2nd V.
W. H. McDowell,	M. 1st V.
Jno. A. Taylor,	Treasurer.
Thos. B. Carr,	Secretary.
T. Page Ricaud,	Chaplain.
E. Turlington,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

H. P. Russell, P. H. P.,	I. Northrop,	M. McInnis,
D. Teller,	J. Lyon,	H. W. Foy,
Alex'r Boon,	D. P. Beatty,	L. C. Turner,
R. Morriss,	P. W. Fanning, P.G.H.P,	J. M. Foy,
J. H. Flanner,	A. Martin, P.G.H.P.,	J. H. Dall,
A. McRae, sr, P.H.P.,	A. J. Howell,	T. C. Worth,
D. McMillan, P.H.P.,	R. G. Rankin, P.G.H.P.,	W. J. Price,
Thos. Marshall,	Thos. Cowan,	John Branton,
W. C. Parks,	L. H. Marsteller,	N. T. Harriss,
W. A. Burr,	A. McRae, jr.,	D. Kahnweiler,
J. A. Silliman,	T. F. Peck,	G. R. French,
J. E. Metts,	Thos. I. Faison,	T. F. Gause,

T. D. Meares,
John S. James,
J. I. McDugald,
C. McMillan,
A. Lamont,
Alfred Smith,
Jas. T. Miller,
R. Fenner,
A. B. Chesnut,
Wm. G. Jones,
Wm. Huntington,
T. Burr, jr.,
John Smith,
Owen Fennell,
J. Mathews,
J. B. Russell,
M. Neuhoff,
H. Hirsh,
John Garwood,
J. H. Wright,
B. G. Bates.
W. W. Harriss,
E. V. Kelly,
Wm. Murphy,
T. W. Brown,
D. E. Roberts,
John D. Powers,
W. D. Smith,
S. Teller,
R. Maxwell,
George Harriss.
M. C. Turrentine,
J. B. Price,
James Snow,
Sam'l Langdon,
W. E. Robitzh,
John D. Moore,
W. E. Freeman,
W. H. Turlington,
C. T. Murphy,
S. D. Wallace,
John Christian,
T. F. Robeson,
John Nutt,
J. H. Allen,
A. A. Brown,
Jos. Green,
A. P. Repiton,
John Banks,
Luther Wright,
J. R. Beaman,
John Walker, jr.,
Owen Holmes,
R. Strange, jr.,
Jas. Burney,
R. E. Troy,
J. A. Barnes,
J. H. Pritchett,
P. D. Trawick,
T. H. Lane,
J. Wilkinson,

Seven exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; one death; no expulsions; no suspensions. Seven regular meetings; thirteen special meetings. Regular Meetings 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. No. of members 110.

PHŒNIX CHAPTER, No. II—Fayetteville.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	A. M. Campbell,	High Priest.
"	James McDaniel,	King.
"	Joseph Arey,	S.
Comp.	J. A. M. Laughlin,	C. H.
"	George Lander,	P. S.
"	H. C. Lucas,	R. A. C.
"	J. D. Williams,	G. M. 3rd V.
"	W. S. Fowlkes,	G. M. 2nd V.
"	J. B. Starr,	G. M. 1st V.
"	Warren Prior,	Treasurer.
"	J. B. Ferguson,	Secretary.
"	D. Wemyes,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John McRae,	E. L. Winslow,	Isham Blake,
E. Glover,	J. McR. Alford,	J. C. Moore,
J. W. Lett,	W. B. Shemwell,	T. H. Pemberton,
B. F. Pearce,	A. H. Whitfield,	C. P. Jones,
S. F. Venable,	J. A. Worth,	J. R. Carter,
J. McD. Jessup,	A. P. Hurt,	T. G. H. Crockett,
G. H. Makepeace,	J. B. Walton,	H. A. McSwain.

Advanced, one; exalted, six; rejected, one; died, one. Regular meetings first Tuesday in each months. Number of members, 33.

MOUNT ARARAT CHAPTER, No. III—Murfreesborough.

OFFICERS.

F. M. Capehart, . . .	M. E. H. P.,
J. H. Bishop, . . .	King,
J. Pipkin, ...	Scribe,
J. Baugham, ...	C. H.,
R. F. Hart, ...	P. S.,
A. E. Grant, ...	R. A. C.,
J. H. Vinson, ...	M. 3rd V.,
W. W. Edwards, . . .	M. 2nd V.,
Wm. H. Darden, . . .	M. 1st V.,
J. T. Beaman, . . .	Secretary,
Alexander Britt, . . .	Treasurer,
G. D. Parker, . . .	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

D. Brown,	J. R. Rochell,	Sam'l Darden,
Jethro R. Darden,	John P. Lee,	E. T. Hill,
A. G. Jones,	Wm. T. Bynum,	Charles Van,
Abner Carter,	Jas. J. Rochell,	A. D. Rawls,
James M. Wynns,	A. D. Ramsey,	Richard Shane.

Three exaltations; one withdrawal; one death. Total number of members, 27. Regular meetings held on the third Saturday in each month.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. V—Tarboro.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	James Mehegan,	High Priest,
E.	Henry T. Clark,	King,
E.	William S. Long,	Scribe,
Comp.	William Duggin,	C. H.,
"	William Harrell,	P. S.,
"	Elisha Cromwell,	R. A. C.,
"	M. Worsley,	G. M. 3rd V.,
"	John Knight,	G. M. 2nd V.,
"	Kenneth Thigpen,	G. M. 1st V.,
"	Louis C. Pender,	Secretary,
"	William Norfleet,	Treasurer,
"	Redden Daughtery,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Benjamin M. Jackson,	Daniel S. Crenshaw,	Benjamin Batts,
Jesse H. Drake,	John F. Hughes,	John R. Mercer,
A. J. Cotten,	A. Freeman,	W. Andrews,
Louis Bond,	R. H. Pender,	W. H. Smith,
John H. Drake,	John Mooring,	Wm. Duggin,
James Nelson,	W. F. Mercer,	J. F. Jenkins,
Josiah D. Jenkins,	Josiah S. Pender.	

No exaltations; no rejections; one withdrawal; two deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions. Total number of members, 32. Number of regular meetings, four; special meetings one. Regular meetings held on the third Saturday in each month.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. VII—Newbern.

OFFICERS.

George Green,	High Priest,
J. D. Flanner,	King,
A. Miller,	Scribe,
S. Attmore,	C. H.,
I. Disosway,	P. S.,
John H. Lane,	R. A. C.,
C. S. Primrose,	G. M. 3rd V.,
L. R. Clark,	G. M. 2nd V.,
C. Lowenberg,	G. M. 1st V.,

J. F. Jones,	Secretary,
W. H. Oliver,	Treasurer,
W. S. Chaffin,	Chaplain,
W. H. Jones,	Tyler.

MEMERS.

Peter Custis, P.G.H.P.,	M. A. Outten,	W. C. Hunter,
Thomas R. Wilson,	W. B. Willows,	J. D. Whitford,
E. W. Montford,	A. T. Jerkins,	E. R. Stanly,
E. R. Coward,	O. S. Dewey,	F. B. Harrison,
Jacob Utley,	Allen Blount,	W. J. Pope,
J. A. May,	Jesse Hart,	W. R. Frizzle,
T. P. Ricaud,	A. J. Murrell,	Joseph Whitty,
James Hayward,	J. H. Foy,	F. S. Humphrey,
David Marshall,	David S. Willis,	John A. Hodge,
S. Sparrow,	W. A. Pugh,	R. D. Warren,
Charles Foy,	M. F. Arendel,	J. Whittaker,
John Shakleford,	Levi A. Newbourn,	Isaac Ramsay,
R. A. Russell,	J. A. Hartford,	A. F. Rolfe,
Calvin Cox,	J. M. Patrick,	J. Q. Gillet,
Stephen D. Pool,	J. M. F. Rhodes,	S. H. Rountree.

Three admissions; no exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; three deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions. Whole number of members, 58. Regular meetings held on the evening of the first Wednesday of each month.

OXFORD CHAPTER, No. VIII—Oxford.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Z. M. Paschall,	High Priest,
"	Lyman Latham,	King,
"	Leonard H. Bullock,	Scribe,
Comp.	James H. Horner,	C. H.,
"	William A. Philpott,	P. S.,
"	L. C. Taylor,	R. A. C.,
"	W. M. Bareford,	G. M. 3rd V.
"	D. A. Paschall,	G. M. 2nd V.
"	T. H. Rany,	G. M. 1st V.
"	R. W. Lassiter,	Treasurer,
"	T. L. Hargrove,	Secretary,
"	R. J. Devin,	Chaplain.

MEMBERS.

James E. Allen,	John D. Bullock,	Wm. T. Ezelle.
J. B. Green,	E. H. Hicks,	Archibald Taylor,
S. F. Venable,	A. F. Spencer,	R. F. Taylor,
D. S. Wilkerson,	J. S. Overby,	T. J. Littlejohn,
L. A. Paschall,	George Wortham,	James H. Strum,
J. R. Fuller,		

There have been no exaltations, rejections, withdrawals, deaths, expulsions, suspension. Whole number of members, 28. Regular meetings held on the third Monday in each month.

RALEIGH CHAPTER, No. X—Raleigh.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	William G. Hill,	High Priest,
"	C. W. D. Hutchings,	King,
"	W. T. Blair,	Scribe,
Comp.	D. H. Stephenson,	C. H.,
"	J. R. Harrison,	P. S.,
"	W. H. High,	R. A. C.,
"	G. W. Norwood,	G. M. 3rd V.,
"	A. J. Woodward,	G. M. 2nd V.,
"	Albert Johnson,	G. M. 1st V.,
"	Eldrige Smith,	Treasurer,
"	T. J. Utley,	Secretary,
"	James S. Terrill,	Guard.

MEMBERS.

Dabney Cosby,	R. W. Seawell,	W. D. Haywood,
W. D. Cooke,	Joseph Woltering,	J. D. Powell,
D. B. Griffin,	E. Yarbrough,	C. J. Rogers,
S. D. Beevers,	James M. Harris,	H. W. Miller,
John O. Jeffreys,	J. M. Lovejoy,	W. D. Jones,
W. W. Johnson,	William F. Collins,	Chas. H. Johnson,
James D. Newson,	R. T. Heflin,	E. H. Woodard,
B. T. Strickland,		

Three exaltations; three withdrawals; one death. Total number of members, 34.

LA FAYETTE CHAPTER No. XI—Hillsboro'.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Pride Jones,	High Priest,
"	Daniel D. Philips,	King,
	Samuel P. Moore,	Scribe,
Comp.	John M. Wolf,	C. H.,
	Thomas Webb,	P. S.,
	Calvin E. Parish,	R. A. C.,
	Alexander Dickson,	G. M. 3rd V.,
	A. C. Murdoch,	G. M. 2nd V.,
	John A. Faucett,	G. M. 1st V.,
	Joseph Allison,	Treasurer,
	Henry K. Nash,	Secretary,
	James M. Palmer,	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

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William Dickson,	Gaston D. Cobb,	Antonio D. Martino,
B. S. Durham,	John J. Allison,	John McCrackin,
John J. Freeland,	Daniel A. Montgomery,	William Bason,
John Q. Anderson,	William McCown,	John C. Douglass,
Frederick Zerlant.		

No exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no expulsions; no deaths no suspensions.

James J. Allen received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Master.

CHEROKEE CHAPTER, No. XIV—Hertford.

OFFICERS.

Comp.	James M. Cox,	M. E. High Priest,
"	Dempsey Barclift,	King,
"	M. D. Hathaway,	Scribe,
"	M. O. Jordon,	C. H.,
"	Jos. G. Granbery,	P. S.,
"	William Felton,	R. A. C.,
"	Geo. H. Freer,	G. M. 3rd V.,
"	Francis Barrow,	G. M. 2nd V.,
"	Dr. S. W. Streets,	G. M. 1st V.
"	B. Morris,	Treasurer,

Comp. Edwin Brace, ...	Secretary,
" John G. Berry, ...	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Darius White,	Dr. R. C. Jenkins,	John H. Hinton,
James R. Hoffler,	Dr. R. K. Speed,	J. W. Albertson,
Samuel Sutton,	Willis H. Bagley,	Thomas Palmer,
Rev'd Erin Forbes,	Malichi Boushel,	William Harrall,
Rev'd John M. Doll,	Josiah H. White,	William Small.

Three exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; one death; no expulsions; no suspensions.

UNION CHAPTER, No. XVII—DUPLIN.

OFFICERS.

James W. Blount, ...	High Priest,
C. D. Hill, ...	King,
Thomas Wright, ...	Scribe,
Joel Loftin, ...	C. H.,
D. Bowden, ...	P. S.,
James R. Hurst, ...	R. A. C.,
D. Watkins, ...	M. 3rd V.,
Speight Hill, ...	M. 2nd V.,
B. W. Williams, ...	M. 1st V.,
A. R. Hicks, ...	Treasurer,
James G. Dickson, ...	Secretary,
D. B. Newton, ...	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

D. B. Newton,	Joel Loftin,	Daniel Glisson,
Daniel Bowden,	A. R. Hicks,	J. W Blount,
James G. Dickson,	B. C. Bowden,	David Wright,
C. D. Hill,	J. R. Hatch,	Thomas Wright,
H. F. Murphy,	A. Guy,	H. W. Faison,
William J. Hill,	D. K. Kornegay,	H. H. Hodges,
J. R. Hurst,	F. O. Wilson,	D. Watkins,
Speight Hill,	L. F. Williams,	J. Cannon,
James G. Branch,	B. W. Williams,	Wm. H. Herring,
J. W. Hinson,	E. Peterson,	L. W. Humphrey,
T. B. Hill.		

Five exaltations; one rejection; nine withdrawals. Regular meetings 2nd Thursday in each month. Whole number of members, 31.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. XIX—Plymouth.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	William Bagley,	High Priest,
E.	Thomas B. Nichols,	King,
E.	Henry B. Short,	Scribe,
Comp.	Henry A. Gilliam,	C. H.,
"	Thomas E. Pender,	P. S.,
"	George W. Pearce,	R. A. C.,
"	Enoch Jones,	G. M. 3rd V.,
"	John Brown,	G. M. 2nd V.,
"	John Simmons,	G. M. 1st V.,
"	Isaac Kelly,	Treasurer,
"	Joseph Ramsay,	Secretary.

MEMBERS.

Joseph A. Spruill,	Silas Murray,	J. McC. Boyle,
F. F. Fagan,	Edgar Hanks,	John F. Phelps,
William W. Ward,	Warren W. Ward,	Edwin H. White,
Thomas P. White,	Charles G. Phelps,	Rev'd A. Weaver.

One exaltation; one rejection; no withdrawals; one death; no expulsions: no suspensions. Total number of members, 23.

SALISBURY CHAPTER, No. XX—Salisbury.

OFFICERS.

Luke Blackmer,	High Priest,
C. L. Partee,	King,
J. D. Ramsey,	Scribe,
D. A. Davis,	C. H.,
Alexander Murdock,	P. S.,
John M. Coffin,	R. A. C.,
John A. Holt,	M. 3rd V.,
W. P. Burk,	M. 2nd V.,
J. W. Wiseman,	M. 1st V.,
Martin Richwine,	Secretary,
Joseph F. Chambers,	Treasurer,
Lewis Gumb,	Janitor,

MEMBERS.

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A. H. Caldwell,	A. D. Montgomery,	J. G. Ramsey,

T. P. Ricaud,	D. Coleman,	T. J. Bryan,
H. C. Simonton,	A. M. Boal,	George Riley,
L. Blackmer,	B. Bailey,	G. W. Johnson,
D. A. Davis,	Jehu Hank,	John Killey,
O. Woodson,	John I. Shaver,	J. T. Alexander,
John M. Coffin,	J. A. Johnson,	John O. Ross,
Turner Pinkston,	Joseph A Worth,	M. Richwine,
J. D. Ramsey,	J. B. Jones,	John A. Holt,
A. G. Holder,	Lewis Gumb,	H. Laselle,
A. M. Nesbitt,	R. D. Van Dusen,	H. H. Dent,
Alex. Murdoch,	William Murdock,	D. B. Woode,
Thomas A. Burk,	W. P. Burk,	R. S. Melton,
Hugh Murdock,	John H. McKinley,	E. R. Gibson,
Samuel Taylor,	J. S. Caldcleugh,	A. J. York,
John G. Bynum,	John W. Ellis,	J. W. Wiseman,
R. P. Besent.		

Number of members, 52.

LINCOLN CHAPTER, No. XXII.—Lincolnton.

OFFICERS.

Comp.	M. E.	James A. Caldwell, . . .	High Priest,
"	"	Elisha S. Barrett, . . .	King,
"	"	George Mosteller, . . .	Scribe,
"	"	J. T. Alexander, . . .	C. H.,
"	"	C. J. Hammarshold, . .	P. S.,
"	"	M. J. Aydolett, . . .	R. A. C.,
"	"	Z. A. Moss, ...	M. 3rd V.,
"	"	B. F. Briggs, ...	M. 2nd V.,
"	"	Middleton King, . . .	M. 1st V.,
"	"	J. T. Alexander, . . .	Secretary,
"	"	J. A. Jetton, ...	Janitor,

MEMBERS.

A. W. Burton,	David A. Jenkins,	L. P. Henderson,
A. Monroe Gillespie,	A. Jackson Hause,	T. W. Bradburn,
James C. Smith,	Dr. William Sloan,	Dr. J. M. Happoldt,
Abraham Myers,	Rev. E. J. Meynardie,	Robert F. Sloan,
J. Q. Carpenter,	William Jenks,	John H. Goodell,

J. Bryant Smith, J. H. Aydolett, A. J. Scoburg,
Jacob H. Ramsour.

Three exaltations; one withdrawal; no rejections; no deaths; no suspensions. Total number of members, 29. Regular meetings held on the first Wednesday in each month.

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER, No. XXIII—Montgomery.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	C. W. Wooley,	High Priest,
"	J. H. Montgomery,	King,
"	S. H. Christian,	Scribe,
Comp.	P. P. Ballard,	C. H.,
"	W. G. Deberry,	P. S.,
"	C. J. Cochran,	R. A. C.,
"	J. R. Ballard,	M. 3rd V.,
"	John Boggar,	M. 2nd V.,
"	James C. Andrews,	M. 1st V.,
"	James M. Lilly,	Secretary,
"	W. McRae,	Treasurer,
"	J. Luther,	Chaplain,
"	S. M. Ballard,	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

N. B. Miller,	D. S. Munroe,	Alex. McRae,
James W. McRae,	Hugh G. Lucas,	R. T. Steele,
A. W. McLennan,	John R. Livingston,	A. H. Ingram,
N. Bowdon,	Dr. P. W. Wooley,	D. Hearne.
Dr. O. Hadley,	John T. Matheson,	W. S. Pemberton,
Dr. O. P. Luther,	Thomas R. Baldwin,	John P. Little.

Advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master, seven; passed to the Oriental Chair, seven; received and acknowledged M. E. M., seven; exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Masons, seven; expelled, one. Number of stated meetings, three; special meetings, six. No. of members, 31

GERMANTON CHAPTER, No. XXIV—Stokes.

OFFICERS.

J. S. Gibson,	High Priest,
M. H. Quinn,	King,
Peter Fitter,	Scribe,
J. Atwood,	M. 3rd V.,
Wm. S. Gannaway,	M. 2nd V.,
G. H. Rennager,	M. 1st V.,
William W. Stedman,	Secretary,
R. G. Mays,	Treasurer,
W. W. Petree,	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

B. Jones,	John W. Gibson,	R. H Smith,
M. R. Banner,	W. N. Gibson,	J. B. Kingsbury,
James Styers,	P. Hutcherson,	D. R. Leak,
S. Ivey,	S. S. Bryant,	J. W. Hunter,
W. S. Leak,	J. E. Shutts,	A. L. Bitting,
T. Long,	N. Bohannon,	H. C. Wilson,
W. W. Long,	J. A. Bitting,	W. B. Richardson,
E. B. King,	Thomas S. Martin.	

Seven exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions. Total number of members, 32.

ASHEVILLE CHAPTER, No. XXV—Buncombe.

OFFICERS.

Joshua Rober,	High Priest,
James W. Patton,	King,
John Burgin,	Scribe,
R. B. Vance,	C. H.,
G. W. Whitson,	P. S.,
G. Spurs,	R. A. C.,
Rev. E. W. Chanceaulm,	M. 3rd V.,
Comp. J. L. Crumby,	M. 2nd V.,
J. M. Davidson,	M. 1st V.,
J. R. Osborne,	Treasurer,
M. M. Gaines,	Secretary,

J. L. Crumby, . . .	Chaplain,
G. W. Shackelford, . .	Janitor.

MEMBERS.

John Baxter,	Z. B. Vance,	Rev. John Reynolds,
Rev. A. W. Cumming,	Rev. J. A. Reagon,	Rev. W. Hicks,
A. J. Miller,	Rev. R. W. Patty,	Rev. J. Baldwin,
William Bryson,	James A. Patton,	J. T. Weaver,
J. D. Roberts,	J. M. Blair,	Rev. C. Campbell.

Five exaltations; no rejections; two withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions. Total number of members, 28. Regular meetings held on the first Monday evening of every month.

LOUISBURG CHAPTER, No. XXVI—Edgecombe.

OFFICERS.

M. E. James Reed, ...	High Priest,
" A. M. Noble, . . .	King,
" James H. Yarborough, . .	Scribe,
Comp. J. J. Harper, . . .	C. H.,
" Ellis Malone, . . .	R. A. C.,
" N. B. Walker, . . .	P. S.,
" John H. Brodie, . . .	M. 3rd V.,
" R. F. Yarborough, . .	M. 2nd V.,
" J. J. Davis, ...	M. 1st V.,
" J. A. Whitaker, . . .	Treasurer,
" William H. Furman, . .	Secretary,
" William F. Sykes, . . .	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

James Reed,	A. M. Noble,	N. F. Reed,
James H. Yarborough,	N. P. Massonburg,	P. H. Joyner,
W. Closs,	A. Thomas,	J. B. Littlejohn,
W. F. Sykes,	J. J. Harper,	C. Stone,
W. H. Furman,	W. H. Harris,	W. A. Stone,
John Chamblee,	John H. Brodie,	Calvin B. Walker,
William H. Strocher,	N. B. Walker,	William B. Foster,
B. H. Sorsby,	D. W. Williams,	Ellis Malone,
J. J. Davis,	T. K. Thomas,	J. A. Whitaker,

A. L. Jeffreys,	W. A. Moore,	J. J. Mineree.
E. L. Stegall,	R. F. Yarborough,	A. C. Massenburg.
J. W. Williams.		

Nine exaltations; one withdrawal; one death. Total number of members, 34.

GRAHAM CHAPTER, No. XXVIII—Graham.

OFFICERS.

E. F. Watson, . . .	High Priest,
P. A. Holt, ...	King,
A. Apple, ...	Scribe,
J. O. Holt, ...	C. H.,
G. G. Walker, . . .	P. S.,
A. Boyd, ...	R. A. C.,
William A. Holt, . .	M. 3rd V.,
Thomas Fawke, . . .	M. 2nd V.,
H. C. Hurdle, . . .	M. 1st V.,
J. A. Murray, . . .	Treasurer,
William Faucette, . .	Secretary,
John Klapp, . . .	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

William R. Dincey,	William Patterson,	William Coble.
Rev. R. G. Tinner,	A. J. Pyles,	Bedford Wray,
J. M. Klapp,	Levin K. Wood,	John Faucette,
Rev. J. S. Swift,	E. W. Beale,	Wm. Chordewin.

Seven exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions. Total number of members, 24.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Royal Arch Chapter

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

Eleventh Annual Convocation,

In Wilmington, North Carolina, on Monday, the first day of June,

A. L. 5857, A. I. 2387, A. D. 1857.

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Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina,

To

H. P. of *Chapter No.*

You are hereby ordered to cause the Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter to be read in your Chapter within two months after receipt.

PETER CUSTIS, *G. H. P.*

Attest,

T. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

Begun and held in the Hall of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, in Wilmington, N. C., on Monday the first day of June, A. L. 5857, A. I. 2387, A. D. 1857.

PRESENT:

M. E. Peter Custis, Newbern,.....G. H. P.
E. Goold Hoyt, Greenville,.....G. K. p. t.
E. D. D. Phillips, Hillsboro',.....G. S. "
Comp. P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., Wilmington, G. C. H. "
" A. L. Bitting, Germanton,.....G. P. S. "
" H. G. Barnhill, Greenville,.....G. R. A. C. "
" Jas. D. Doughty,..."..... G. M. 3d V. "
" T. Burr, Jr.,.....Wilmington,..G. M. 2d V. "
" W. G. Thomas, P. G. S.,....."..... G. M. 1st V.
" Thos. B. Carr,..... ....."..... G. Secretary,
" L. C. Turner,....."..... G. Tyler, p. t.
Companion R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P. "

The Grand Chapter opened in solemn form.

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Committee:

On Credentials—Comp'ns P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., and D. D. Phillips.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until this evening, at eight o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

MONDAY EVENING, June 1st, 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E.	Peter Custis,	G. H. P.	
E.	Goold Hoyt,	G. K.	p. t.
E.	D. D. Phillips,	G. S.	p. t.
Comp.	P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.,	G. C. H.	p. t.
"	M. Newhoff,	G. P. S.	p. t.
"	S. E. Milburn,	G. R. A. C.	p. t.
"	Jas. D. Doughty,	G. M. 3d V.	p. t.
"	Alex. Miller,	G. M. 2d V.	p. t.
"	J. B. Whitaker,	G. M. 1st V.	p. t.
"	Thos. B. Carr,	G. S.	
"	L. C. Turner,	G. T.	p. t.

Companions John B. Griswold, Geo. H. Makepeace, J. W. Blount, Isaiah R. Fuller, R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., Jno. W. Hinson, W. F. Pollock, Jas. C. Borden, W. G. Thomas, P. G. S.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report, which was received and adopted, and the Committee continued, with power to amend their report from time to time, as the delegates should arrive:

The Committee on Credentials report the following Representatives from their respective Chapters, as properly entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

Concord,	No. 1	R. G. Rankin, H. P., and Prox. for S., O. L. Fillyaw, K.
Phœnix,	No. 2	Geo. H. Makepeace, Prox. for H. P., K. and S.
Mt. Ararat,	No. 3	F. M. Capehart, Rep.
Temple,	No. 6	T. B. Carr, Prox. for H. P.
Eureka,	No. 7	Alex. Miller, Rep.
Oxford,	No. 8	Isaiah R. Fuller, Prox. for H. P.
Lafayette,	No. 11	D. D. Phillips, H. P., and Prox. for K. and S.
Conoho,	No. 12	Jno. B. Whitaker, K.
Union,	No. 17	James W. Blount, H. P., Dan'l Bowden, Prox. for K.
Keystone,	No. 19	P. W. Fanning, Prox. for H. P., K. and S.
Montgomery,	No. 23	S. W. Neal, Prox. for H. P., K. and S.
Germanton,	No. 24	A. L. Bitting and W. S. Leak, Reps.
Mt. Lebanon,	No. 27	L. D. Farmer, H. P., and Prox. for K.
Graham,	No. 28	E. F. Watson, H. P. & pr'x. for K., W. B. McRay, pr'x. for S
Goldsboro',	No. 29	Jno. B. Griswold, Rep.
Mt. Vernon,	No. 30	U. D., Goold Hoyt, H. P., H. G. Barnhill, Prox., K.
Wadesboro',	No. 31	U. D., H. W. Robinson, Prox. for H. P. and K., John Boylin, Prox. for S.

P. W. FANNING, }
D. D. PHILLIPS, } *Committee.*

On motion of Companion Fanning, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with, each member being furnished with a copy.

The M. E. appointed the following committees:

On Unfinished Business—Geo. H. Makepeace, J. W. Blount, Alex. Miller.

On Charters and Dispensations—Isaiah R. Fuller, Jno. B. Griswold and J. B. Whitaker.

On Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters—P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., A. L. Bitting, and W. S. Leak.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until Tuesday morning, at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, June 2, 1857, 9 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. Peter Custis, ... G. H. P.
M. E. E. F. Watson, ... D. G. H. P.
E. Goold Hoyt, ... G. K. p. t.
E. D. D. Phillips, ... G. S. p. t.
Comp. P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., ... G. C. H. p. t.
" Jas. D. Doughty, ... G. P. S. p. t.
" J. W. Blount, ... G. M. 3d V.
" A. Miller, ... G. M. 2d V. p. t.
" J. B. Whitaker, ... G. M. 1st V. p. t.
" T. W. Brown, ... G. Treasurer.
" T. B. Carr, ... G. Secretary.
" L. C. Turner, ... G. Tyler, p. t.

D. Bowden, Jno. B. Griswold, O. L. Fillyaw, S. W. Neal, Isaiah R. Fuller, F. M. Capehart, John Boylin, Bedford McRay, W. S. Leak, W. T. Marsh, S. E. Milburn, H. W. Robinson, H. P. Russell, R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., A. Martin, P. G. H. P., A. L. Bitting.

The Committee on Credentials presented a further

report, which was added to their former report by a previous resolution.

On motion of Comp. Fanning, the M. E. Grand High Priest appointed Comp. L. C. Turner, Grand Tyler *pro tem.* for this session.

An invitation was extended by the M. E. G. H. P. to all Royal Arch Masons present, during the meeting of the Grand Chapter, to occupy seats with that body.

The M. E. G. H. P. presented his Annual Report:

COMPANIONS:

Time has again measured a portion of the vast eternity, and another year is added to the long catalogue of Masonry's existence. A year in the political world, marked by all the vicissitudes and changes which characterize the deliberations of men, assembling with varied interests, and passions unrestrained—a year in the Masonic world, but marking the progress of an Institution scarcely less than divine, causing another laurel to bloom in the crown of Masonry, already weighty with many honors, and adding to a gigantic vigor renewed strength to sustain her in her victorious march,—ages have elapsed since her star first rose above the horizon,—cities have risen into existence and faded even from the knowledge of the historian,—temples of wisdom and learning have crumbled into dust, and the works of man's hands, appearing to their originators vast and durable enough to withstand the ravages of Time, have faded from their bright glory into twilight, and that twilight, in the lapse of ages, has been lost in the pitchy darkness of annihilation. But Masonry's star, kindled at the great Fountain of Light, illuminating the dark pages of the Book of Life with the eternal principles of Truth and Justice, and in the soft effulgence of whose rays is borne the angel's message of "Peace on Earth and good will towards men,"—whose zenith lies in the far off realms of Eternity—ascends, and still ascending, in each succeeding age, burns with brighter light, and still increasing glory.

Well may we feel proud of the name of Mason,—of being members of an Institution whose strength is the Wisdom of the Eternal God, and

> "When the Creation shall fall into ruin,
> "Whose *Beauty* shall rise thro' the midst of the fire."

Another year has passed, and the hands shaken in the sadness of parting have again been grasped with the joy of re-union. We meet again, and, as the Tribes of old went up to Jerusalem, unto the testimony of Israel, even so do we now come to "give thanks to the name of the Lord;" and, in conformity to custom, it becomes my duty, as your chief officer, to give you such information as I may have, in regard to the welfare and prosperity of that branch of Masonry, of which you are the peculiar guardians in this State, to make such suggestions as may tend to the improvement of the Order under our jurisdiction, and to give an account of the manner in which I have discharged the high duties vested in me by your kindness, since your last Grand Communication. It is for you, Companions, as the delegates of our Subordinates, to lay before this Grand Body the wants of the different mem-

bers of our family, whom you represent, and by your united wisdom and consultation, to redress existing grievances, and to do that which seemeth best for their continued prosperity. It is a high duty with which you have been entrusted—a duty which does not end with the closing of this Grand Chapter. It is incumbent on you, after passing resolutions here, on your return to your homes, to dispense light and information, that your Chapters may benefit by our proceedings, and to carefully observe that the laws, resolutions and edicts which you have joined in framing, shall be punctually obeyed and duly enforced.

By doing this, you will give a renewed tone and vigor to the prosperity of Masonry under our jurisdiction;—by a neglect of it, you render our deliberations a nullity.

In accordance with your wishes, that the Grand Chapter of North Carolina should be represented at the late session of the General Grand Chapter, I endeavored to secure the services of several of the distinguished members of this Grand Body to attend as my proxy—feeling convinced, that, could I have succeeded, you would have been far more ably represented than by myself. But failing in my endeavors, I was compelled to attend as your delegate, and it is with deep regret that I feel myself bound to speak of that august body in any other than a satisfactory manner.

There were twenty-five Grand Royal Arch Chapters represented, and the great motive which led to so full an attendance, was the desire of settling the vexed question of Masonic Work, and establishing a uniform system. All, with whom I conversed, seemed convinced that the longer existence of the General Grand Chapter, or hope of usefulness from its deliberations, depended on its action in regard to this important question.

It is unnecessary for me to give you a full detail of all that was done, as this Grand Body is in possession of printed copies of their proceedings; but I will call your attention to a few of the measures acted upon, and give you the impressions made upon my mind by such action.

In the first place, in reading over their proceedings, I see that the General Grand Chapter "was opened in form by the G. G. King as G. G. High Priest, assisted by the other officers." In my opinion, that Grand Body was never opened at all; and, if my memory serves me, in answer to the enquiry of some Companion in regard to the informality, it was replied, that the G. G. Chapter was a mere legislative body, and as such, it was not necessary to go through with all the forms.

"The General Grand Chaplain was conducted to the altar, and offered up a fervent prayer to the most High," and the General Grand Chapter of the United States was declared duly opened and ready to proceed to business.

In North Carolina the Mason is taught, from his first admission into Masonry, that his greatest duty to the Order is carefully to preserve the ancient landmarks; and our teachers are so scrupulous, that the omission of a word in the language, or a step in the work, as they have been taught, is never tolerated.

We have been taught, that our fathers deemed it fit to establish a regular form of ceremonies in opening and closing; that "to begin well, is the most likely means to end well;" that "where order and method are neglected at the beginning, they will seldom be found to take place in the end;" and that this fixed form was established for the purpose of "reminding the Presiding Officer of the dignity of his character, and the brethren of the homage and veneration due from them in their sundry stations."

Under these teachings, we believe that the first most important step in the transaction of business connected with our Order, is, that the Lodge or Chapter shall be regularly opened with all the forms and ceremonies peculiar to the degree in which the business occurs; and that these forms can in no wise be neglected, or dispensed with by any authority under the sun. We believe that it is necessary to open and close our Lodges and Chapters with prayer. But the Master or High Priest, who, with prayer alone, should declare his Lodge or Chapter duly opened for work, would receive the censure of his Chief Officer, and, if such conduct was persisted in, he would be arraigned before his respective Grand Body, for violating a landmark of Masonry.

Thus taught, I was disagreeably impressed by the departure of the General Grand Chapter, on the very threshhold of its deliberations, from the established mode of opening a Royal Arch Chapter; in this instance, a sacrifice of duty to convenience, for, in its own adopted work, as afterwards exemplified by Companion Lovell, in by far the greater part, it does not differ from the mode in which we have been educated.

The next subject to which I shall call your attention is their action in regard to a uniform system of work. According to the belief of a portion of the delegates who attended the session of 1850, held in Boston, a uniform system of work was then adopted. Another portion contend with equal certainty that no work has ever been adopted. It is my purpose to review their action on this subject, and the conclusion of their mighty labors.

In 1853, the following resolution was submitted by Comp. Brown, of Ohio:

"*Resolved*, That the first four officers of this General Grand Body be requested to cause the work of Royal Arch Masonry, *as sanctioned by the G. Grand Chapter at its last triennial meeting*, to be exemplified during the present meeting."

Which resolution was carried into effect by Comp. Lovell, who, on Friday morning exemplified the work in the Degress of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters, and on Friday evening "proceeded to exemplify the work in the Royal Arch Degree, and finished it."

On motion of Comp. Lovell, a committee on work, consisting of nine Companions, had been appointed, whose chairman, Comp. Gould, of Georgia, after the work had been exemplified, made a verbal report. What was the nature of that report, we can only imagine from the necessity of a minority report from Companions Mackey and Foster, in opposition to the *established work of the General Grand Chapter*.

Companion Mackey moved that his report be substituted for the report of the majority, and the vote being taken on the question, "Shall the report of the majority be stricken out?" the General Grand Chapter refused to strike out. The question then recurred on agreeing to the report of the committee, when, on motion of Comp. Gould, the whole subject was laid on the table. Thus the matter rested until the late session in Hartford, when Comp. Stokes, of Ohio, moved that "The Work of Royal Arch Masonry, and the Chapter Degrees, be exemplified by the General Grand Chapter, at seven o'clock to-morrow evening."

Comp. Kopperl offered the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine and report, whether the action of this Body in 1850, in regard to the work and lectures on the Chapter Degrees is now in force."

On Friday evening the G. G. C., through Comp. Lovell, proceeded to exemplify the work from the Mark Master up to, and including, the Royal Arch Degree.

The resolution of Comp. Kopperl was afterwards taken up and considered, and on motion of Comp. Mackey, was so amended as to read:—"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter, having failed to determine on any specific mode of work, it is urgently recommended to the officers of the Grand Chapters, by careful investigation, to make themselves acquainted with the ancient work of the Order, and to disseminate it among their respective subordinates," "And in this form it was agreed to."

Thus, Companions, I have given you a synopsis of the action of the bright Masonic intellects of the land on the most important question brought up for their consideration.

The work, said to have been adopted by the G. G. Chapter, and known as Comp. Lovell's work, was denounced by Comp. Mackey as contrary to, and subversive of, the Ancient landmarks of the Order. Now let us see what the General Grand Chapter, adopting the above resolution, has accomplished for the good of Royal Arch Masonry.

Comp. Lovell has certainly, long before this, made Royal Arch Masonry *his* study, and as the exemplifier of the work of the General Grand Chapter, has exemplified that only which he believed to be the Ancient Work of the Order. He has disseminated, and is authorized by this resolution still to disseminate, that which the author of it believes is overthrowing the ancient landmarks, and rendering R. A. Masonry no longer fit for the contemplation of the intellectual Mason; and by the same authority, the twenty-five Grand Chapters, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, have the liberty to adopt as many different kinds of work.

Pope says that "Discord is harmony not understood." If such be the case, the General Grand Chapter, in its action on this subject, has not only acknowledged its ignorance in regard to what the Royal Arch work should be, and its inability to enforce its decrees, but has laid the foundation of the *most perfect harmony* throughout its wide-spread jurisdictions. Truly may it be said:

"*Parturiunt montes, nascetur ridiculus mus.*"

In connection with this subject, I cannot refrain from alluding to a sentiment which, during the debate, emanated, I believe, from Companion Mackey, and which seemed, by general assent, to have received the endorsement of the General Grand Chapter, "That the particular phraseology to be used in conferring the Chapter Degrees, &c., was not an essential."

I cannot approve of any such doctrine, as I believe that the language used in conferring a degree is as important as any other part of the ceremonies, and Comp. Mackey seems formerly to have taken the same view of the subject; for, in his address to the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, in speaking of the failure of the General Grand Chapter to adopt a system of work, he says that "The system of Royal Arch Masonry in this country is now in a worse condition than it ever was before. Between different jurisdictions, there is a diversity of work *much to be deplored*, and *the language of our order is rapidly ceasing to be, in these higher degrees, of that universal character which was formerly its proud and peculiar boast.*"

If latitude of language is now to be given to those who confer the Degrees, as well, in my opinion, may the power of enlarging or contracting the ceremonies be entrusted to their wise discretion. If language is no longer to be an essential, how long will it be before, in by far the greater number of Chapters throughout our country, the explanation *of the essentials* will vary so far from the true Masonic

meaning, that Royal Arch Masonry will really "be a study no longer worthy of the investigation of an intellectual Mason."

The subject of allowing each Grand Chapter to establish its own rate of fees for Dispensations and Charters was brought before the General Grand Chapter, and, on motion, was referred to the committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted as expressive of the views of the General Grand Chapter.

They reported, that "in their opinion, each Grand Chapter should regulate the matter for themselves; that it is "entirely a subject of local legislation, and therefore belongs to the province of the several Grand Chapters to establish the same upon such terms as their wisdom shall dictate."

Another subject to be brought before you, is the report of the same committee in regard to the Past Master's Degree. There was a disposition on the part of some of the members of the General Grand Chapter, to strike this degree from the list of constitutional degrees; to which I am opposed, but I most heartily agree with the recommendation of the committee, "to abridge the ceremonies now conferred in the Past Master's Degree, within the narrowest constitutional limits," and would advise its adoption and enforcement by this Grand Body.

There is one more subject requiring your consideration. The time is near at hand when there will not be a single Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and as that Grand Body derives its entire revenue from its subordinates, it will be necessary to raise funds from other sources for its support; and as this matter has already been alluded to in the report of the General Grand Secretary, you will, in all probability, be called upon by that Grand Body, at its next session, to lay a tax on your subordinates for this purpose.

Thus, Companions, I have endeavored to lay before you in as concise a manner as possible, those acts of the General Grand Chapter, which, in my opinion, were most important; and I now submit the whole subject to your most serious consideration.

During the past year I have granted, on proper application, Dispensations for the erection of two Chapters, the one to be located at Greenville, Pitt county, by the name of Mount Vernon, Companions Goold Hoyt, H. P.; H. G. Barnhill, K.; and James Nelson, S.; the other at Wadesboro', by the name of Wadesboro' Chapter, Companions S. W. Neal, H. P.; R. T. Hall, K.; and E. F. Lilly, S.

Being unable to be present at the organization of these Chapters, I availed myself of the services of Companion F. M. Capehart, in whose Masonic ability I had full confidence, to set the companions of Mount Vernon Chapter to work, and to give them such instruction as they might need; and at the request of some of the Companions of Wadesboro' Chapter, I deputized Companion Alexander Murdock, another Companion well skilled in the Royal Art, to set them to work. In all probability charters will be applied for by both of these Chapters during the present session.

I have thus returned you an account of my official acts during the last year. There have been no grievances to rectify, and no questions of Masonic law have been referred to me for my decision. Peace and harmony seem to prevail throughout our jurisdiction.

In returning into your hands the powers so kindly entrusted to my keeping for the last two years, I cannot forbear expressing to you my profound gratitude for the confidence you have reposed in me; and although during this session I shall

cease to be your presiding officer, still I will ever be found laboring in the cause of Masonry, and endeavoring, by a life's devotion, to make myself worthy of the honor already conferred.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER CUSTIS.

On motion of Comp. Fanning, it was

Resolved, That the report of the M. E. G. H. P. be received and spread upon the minutes, and also that it be referred to a special committee for the disposal of its several subjects.

Committee—Comps. F. M. Capehart, J. W. Blount and A. Martin, P. G. H. P.

Comp. Capehart, who had been authorized by the M. E. to instruct such of the subordinate Chapters as might desire his services, presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

M. E. PETER CUSTIS, *Grand High Priest*
of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina:

M. E. SIR AND COMPANIONS:

Soon after the close of the last Communication of the Grand Chapter, I was authorized by the G. H. Priest to instruct such Chapters in the work, as might require my services. Since then, I have set to work and instructed a new Chapter at Greenville, and am pleased to say that the work at that place is intrusted into good hands. I have also partly instructed the Chapter at Wilson, and Temple Chapter, at Windsor, in both of which I find many very zealous Companions. This comprises the whole of my operations in the sublime degrees during the past year.

Most respectfully submitted,

F. M. CAPEHART.

On motion of Comp. Blount, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter proceed to the election of officers this afternoon, at three o'clock.

Comp. Fanning, chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a report, printed, agreeably to a resolution of this Grand Chapter, which report appears as an appendix to these proceedings.

On motion of Comp. Brown, the report was received, and its consideration postponed, subject to the call of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. Fuller, chairman of the committee on Charters and Dispensations, presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

The committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report, that they have discharged their duty, and find the By-Laws and proceedings of Mount Vernon and Wadesboro' Chapters, under Dispensation, correct, as far as we have been able to judge, and would, therefore, recommend that Charters be granted them.

Respectfully submitted.

I. R. FULLER, *Chairman.*

On motion of Comp. Fanning, it was

Resolved, That the delegates from those Chapters be admitted to seats in this Body as Representatives of their respective Chapters.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That No. 30 be assigned to Mount Vernon Chapter, and No. 31 to Wadesboro' Chapter.

On motion of Comp'n Fanning, the motion before adopted for the election of officers was re-considered, whereupon the following resolution prevailed:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter appoint to-morrow morning, (Wednesday,) at 12 o'clock, for the election of officers.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BINDING.

The committee appointed at the last Grand Convocation to have the Proceedings of sister Grand Chapters bound in suitable form, have performed that duty, and here present for the use of the Grand Chapter, seven volumes.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING, *Com.*

On motion, the foregoing report was received and the committee continued.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until this afternoon, at 2½ o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

TUESDAY EVENING, 2½ o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor. Present, officers and members as this morning.

The committee on Unfinished Business presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

The committee on Unfinished Business having duly examined the proceedings of the last Grand Chapter, ask leave to report, that all the business of the last Convocation appears to have been acted on, except so much as refers to the abolition of the General Grand Chapter. We find that the committee on the address of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, in their report, recommended that the subject be referred to a committee of three, who shall report to the next annual Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. H. MAKEPEACE, } *Committee.*
J. W. BLOUNT, }

The committee on the abolishment of the General Grand Chapter, presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina:

The undersigned, to whom, at your last session, was referred that portion of the report of our Worthy Grand High Priest, then submitted and relating to the abolishment of the General Grand Chapter, have been unable to procure, until a very late hour, the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, at its Convocation of September, 1856, or any information that would enable them to make an extended report; they must, therefore, necessarily be brief; they, however, feel that any information they may fail to place in reach of your Grand Body, will be communicated in the report of our Delegate to that triennial Convocation.

If other Grand Chapters deem it to their interest to sustain the General Grand Chapter, or can find any good growing out of, or light emanating from, the "Supreme Head," we, as liberal Masons, should not seek to tear down a "Tabernacle" which they aided in establishing, or take pleasure in sustaining; but leave them in the free enjoyment of their own opinions. The only question for us to consider is, Does the General Grand Chapter exercise such influence over our Grand Chapter, as tends to promote Harmony, or secure the great aims for which we have been contending? The experience of years loudly answers—NO.

Legislating, then, for ourselves, and not for our sister Grand Chapters, we cannot recommend the abolishment of the General Grand Chapter, but with whatever harshness the word may sound, we do advocate the secession of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina from the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and for these reasons:

First. That since our connection, formed in early infancy, with that Grand Body, no benefits have been derived, but the reverse.

Second. That our expectations as to the "great end" of its formation, have not

been realized, viz: the establishment of a true and uniform mode of work, but on the other hand, work has been introduced and attempted to be forced on the Order, pronounced by bright and superior Masons, "as contrary to, and subversive of, the ancient landmarks," and which would cause Masonry to "rapidly fall into decay;" and every attempt on its part to establish uniformity has failed, and ever will fail, as they have at last been forced to admit. (See proceedings General Grand Chapter, session '56, page 43.)

Third. It interferes with local regulations, and establishes edicts inconsistent with the welfare of our Grand Chapter, and requires what we deem an *innovation in Masonry*, an obligation to support and maintain these edicts.

Fourth. If a Superior Head is so very important to Royal Arch Masonry, how much more important is it, that one should be created for the symbolic degrees; yet effort after effort has been made, and failed from a *dread* of its legislative powers.

Fifth. We challenge the Masonic world to point out in the history or traditions of Masonry, any "ruling power" bearing the least analogy to a General Grand Body, or any good that has arisen, or can arise, from such a "Head."

There are many reasons, of which the above are not the most prominent, to which time will not permit an allusion; they will doubtless be called to your attention in the discussion, which will probably arise upon the resolution introduced with this report. Your committee do not desire to make any appeals to this Grand Chapter. It is a subject in which one of them has for years exhibited a deep interest, sincerely believing that, by severing our connexion with the General Grand Chapter, our prosperity will be increased. It is a question solely of advantages and disadvantages, and they submit the following resolution, with the hope that it will meet with a calm and impassioned consideration. In submitting it, they deem it proper to state, that with Companion Paschall, of Oxford, associated with them, they have not had an opportunity of consultation:

Resolved, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina do hereby withdraw from the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward this resolution to the General Grand High Priest and General Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

ROB'T G. RANKIN,
THOS. B. CARR. } *Committee.*

Comp. Fanning then offered the following resolution, which was discussed at length, when a vote was taken, and the motion was lost:

Resolved, That final action on the foregoing report be postponed until our next Annual Convocation.

The question then recurring upon the report and resolution from the committee, a vote was taken by Chapters, when they were adopted by the following votes:

YEAS—M. E. G. H. P., 1; M. E. D. G. H. P., 1; R. G. Ran-

kin, P. G. H. P., 1; W. G. Thomas, P. G. S., 1; Grand Treasurer, 1; Grand Secretary, 1; Concord Chapter No. 1, 3; Phœnix No. 2, 3; Mt. Ararat No. 3, 3; Temple No. 6, 1; Eureka No. 7, 3; Lafayette No. 11, 3; Conoho No. 12, 1; Union No. 17, 2; Montgomery No. 23, 3; Mt. Lebanon No. 27, 2; Graham No. 28, 2; Wadesboro' No. 31, 3—35.

NAYS—P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., 1; A. Martin, P. G. H. P., 1; Oxford No. 8, 1; Keystone No. 19, 3; Germanton No. 24, 3; Mt. Vernon No. 30, 2—11.

On motion of Comp. Fillyaw, it was

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to enquire into the circumstances attending the issuing of a charter to Wadesboro' Chapter No. 31, by the former Grand Chapter, as Wadesboro' Chapter No. 6, and report what action is proper in the premises.

Committee—Comps. Barnhill, Miller and Whitaker.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until this evening, at 8 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

TUESDAY EVENING, June 2d, 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Present, officers and members as this morning.

Comps. L. D. Farmer, W. Murphy, A. Lamont, Jeremiah Chapman, Washington Chapter, Mass.

The committee on Credentials asked leave to amend their report, by adding the name of L. D. Farmer, H. P. and proxy for K. of Mount Lebanon Chapter No. 27, which, on motion, was granted.

Comp. Farmer asked leave to record his vote in favor of withdrawing from the General Grand Chapter, which was granted.

The following preamble and resolutions, offered by Comp. D. D. Phillips, were adopted:

WHEREAS, it devolves upon this Grand Chapter to adopt a uniform system of work for the use of its subordinates:

RESOLVED 1ST, That the Grand High Priest be requested to select three or more Companions, well acquainted with the history and work of R. A. Masonry, to consult with him in regard to what is the true and ancient work of our Order, and that they report to the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Body the result of their investigations, and exemplify the same for adoption.

RESOLVED 2D, That the work as heretofore authorized be used by subordinate Chapters until otherwise ordered, where the same does not conflict with the action of this Grand Body.

RESOLVED 3d, That in consideration of the importance of the above resolutions, it is earnestly requested that each of the subordinate Chapters give to this subject that due deliberation that its importance demands, and to have at least one representative in attendance at the next annual Convocation of this Grand Body.

RESOLED 4TH, That all resolutions of this Grand Chapter on the subject of Grand Lecturers, be hereby rescinded.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 3d, 10 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E.	Peter Custis,	G. H. P.
M. E.	E. F. Watson,	D. G. H. P.
E.	Goold Hoyt	G. K. *pro tem.*
E.	D. D. Phillips,	G. S. "
Comp.	P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.,	G. C. H. "
"	John Boylin,	G. P. S. "
"	H. G. Barnhill,	G. R. A. C. "
"	J. W. Blount,	G. M. 3d V.
"	L. D. Farmer,	G. M. 2d V. p. t.
"	Dan'l Bowden,	G. M. 1st V. "
"	T. W. Brown,	G. Treasurer.
"	Thos. B. Carr,	G. Secretary.
"	L. C. Turner,	G. Tyler, p. t.

Comp'ns S. W. Neal, A. Miller, Bedford McRay, Isaiah R. Fuller, H. W. Robinson, Jacob Fiedler, A. L. Bitting,

R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., A. P. Repiton, O. L. Fillyaw, A. Martin, P. G. H. P., I. Northrop, P. D. G. H. P., W. G. Thomas, P. G. S., W. S. Leak, F. M. Capehart, Geo. H. Makepeace, W. W. Daniel.

The committee on Credentials asked leave to amend their report by adding the name of P. W. Fanning, as proxy for H. P. K. and S., of Keystone Chapter No. 19.

Comp. Fanning having received this morning the proxy of the the H. P. K. and S., of Keystone Chapter No. 19, obtained leave to record the three votes of that Chapter in the negative, on the vote of withdrawal from the General Grand Chapter.

Comp. Rankin offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Article 13th of the Grand Constitution be amended by striking out the word "Ninety," and inserting in its place the word "Fifty."

Resolved, That the 14th Article be amended by striking out the word "Fifteen," and inserting the word "Ten."

The committee on the M. E. G. H. P.'s Address, offered the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Most E. Grand High Priest, have had the same under consideration, and find nothing requiring especial notice, except that portion relative to the General Grand Chapter, and the action of this Grand Chapter, at the afternoon session yesterday, in regard to that matter, precludes the necessity of any report upon it by this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. CAPEHART, *Ch'n.*

The time having arrived that was set apart for the election of officers, the M. E. appointed Companions A. Martin and A. L. Bitting, tellers, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Companion	Peter Custis,	G. H. P.
"	E. F. Watson,	D. G. H. P.
"	Goold Hoyt,	G. K.
"	D. D. Phillips,	G. S.
"	T. W. Brown,	G. Treas.
"	T. B. Carr,	G. Sec'y.
"	H. G. Barnhill,	G. M

Comp. W. G. Thomas, P. G. S., asked permission to record his vote in favor of withdrawing from the General Grand Chapter, which was granted.

The committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee on Finance beg leave to report, That they have examined the Treasurer's and Secretary's Books, and find them correct and in proper form, and submit the following report of the finances:

Cash in hand of G. Treasurer last Convocation	$519 63
Interest received on Note	24 00
Do. on money in hands of G. T., not appropriated,	6 41
Dispensation Mt. Vernon, $90; Wadesboro', $90,	180 00
Dues received from subordinate Chapters,	470 00
	1,200 04
Paid disbursements on proper vouchers	421 68
	778 36
In addition to the above balance, there are in the hands of the Treasurer three Notes, the aggregate of which, with interest now due, is	1,239 00
Total amount on hand,	$2,017 36

The following Chapters are in arrears:

Warrenton,	No. 9	$60 00
Raleigh	" 10	15 00
Cherokee	" 14	15 00
Cyrus	" 21	75 00
Lincoln	" 22	15 00
Germanton	" 24	5 00
Ashville	" 25	15 00
Louisburgh	" 26	15 00
Graham	" 28	15 00
Goldsboro'	" 29	15 00
		$245 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. MARTIN,
THOS. W. BROWN, } *Committee.*

On motion of Comp. Phillips, the report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence was taken up and adopted, so far as is consistent with the action of the Grand Chapter in withdrawing from the General Grand Chapter.

On motion, it was

RESOLVED, That the Installation of Officers take place to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until three o'clock this afternoon.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, June 3d, 3 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Present, officers and members as this morning.

The committee appointed to consider the subject of a Charter for Wadesboro' Chapter No. 31, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the application of Wadesboro' Chapter No. 31, for the refunding of a portion of the amount paid for a Dispensation and Charter, beg leave to report:—

That a Chapter existed in Wadesboro' in 1823, known as "Wadesboro' Chapter No. 6," which has for some time laid dormant; that application was made by the present Companions of Wadesboro' for a revival of that Charter, who were recommended to receive a Dispensation, and apply to this Convocation for relief.

The committee recommend that the Charter just issued to Wadesboro' Chapter No. 31, be considered a revival, and be subject to the rules adopted by the Grand Chapter on this subject; and that the sum of sixty-five dollars be refunded to said Chapter, reserving out of the fees paid, fifteen dollars for the revival, and ten dollars for Secretary's fees.

R. G. RANKIN, *Chairman.*

Comp. A. Martin offered the following preamble and resolution, which was received and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, From various causes over which the members had no control, there has been no meeting for several years of Roanoke Chapter No. 4, at Halifax; and whereas, from the causes referred to above, some of which are death or removals from the jurisdiction, that Chapter has not been represented in this Grand Body, or been able to pay its dues, until the arrearages amount to $75. Therefore—

RESOLVED, That in consideration of the above, and other good and sufficient reasons shown to this Grand Chapter, that upon the payment of $50, the present price of a new Charter, Roanoke Chapter be released from the payment of any other arrearages, and permitted to retain her Charter.

Comp. W. W. Daniel, of Roanoke Chapter No 4, then paid the amount specified in the resolution just adopted, viz: fifty dollars.

Comp. Alex. Miller obtained leave of absence, and appointed Comp. Peter Custis his proxy.

On motion, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure a Press for the use of this Grand Chapter.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

THURSDAY MORNING, June 4th, 9 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E.	Peter Custis,	G. H. P.	
E.	Goold Hoyt,	G. K.	p. t.
E.	D. D. Phillips,	G. S.	"
Comp.	P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.,	G. C. H.	"
"	F. M. Capehart,	G. P. S.	"
"	H. G. Barnhill,	G. R. A. C.	"
"	J. W. Blount,	G. M. 3d V.	"
"	H. W. Robinson,	G. M. 2d V.	"
"	Jacob Fiedler,	G. M. 1st V.	"
"	T. W. Brown,	G. Treasurer.	
"	T. B. Carr,	G. Secretary.	
"	L. C. Turner,	G. Tyler, p. t.	

S. W. Neal, A. Martin, P. G. H. P., John Boylin.

Comp. L. D. Farmer having obtained leave of absence, appointed Jacob Fiedler his proxy.

Comp. Fanning offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That forty dollars be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter to the M. E. G. H. P., as his traveling expenses, incurred in attending our present Convocation; seventy-five dollars to the Grand Secretary; thirty dollars to the Grand Treasurer, and fifteen dollars to the Grand Tyler *pro tem.*

On motion of Comp. Hoyt, it was

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to St. John's Lodge No. 1, and Concord Chapter No. 1, for the use of their Hall, and for the friendly manner in which they have entertained us during the present Convocation.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the installation of officers, M. E. P. G. H. P. A. Martin, presiding.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments:

Comp. S. W. Neal, Wadesboro', ... P. S.
" C. W. Wooley, Edinboro', ... R. A. C.
" J. D. Ramsey, Salisbury, ... G. M. 3d V.
" G. H. Makepeace, Fayetteville, ... G. M. 2d V.
" L. D. Farmer, Wilson, ... G. M. 1st V.
" E. Turlington, Wilmington, ... G. Tyler.
" J. T. Wheat, Chapel Hill, ... G. Chaplain.

Finance Committee—A Martin, P. G. H. P., P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., and T. W. Brown.

Foreign Correspondence—R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., James W. Blount, A. L. Bitting, Alex. Miller.

On motion of Comp. S. W. Neal, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Secretary be, and is hereby instructed to furnish the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and each of the subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, with a printed copy of the proceedings of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

The Grand Secretary presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Most Excellent and Excellent Companions:

I deem it my duty to lay before you at this, your Annual Convocation, a report of my official acts during the past year.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last Annual Convocation, I had printed three hundred copies of the proceedings of the same, together with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and also two hundred extra copies of the Constitution.

I transmitted immediately after their publication, two copies of the proceedings to each of the subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, and one to each Grand Chapter in the United States, and to the General Grand Officers of the General Grand Chapter. After an interval of six months, I again mailed the same number as before. I am pleased to be able to state, that the receipt of a larger number of these have been acknowledged than in any previous year, but regret that complaints have been received from several of the Chapters in this State, on account of the non-reception of the printed proceedings of this Grand Body. If the Secretaries of Chapters would be particular to send their Post Office address each year, I have no doubt they would all be in regular communication with the Grand Chapter.

Agreeably to your instructions, I had a form of Returns printed, and forwarded a copy to each of the subordinate Chapters, one month before the present Convocation. Only twelve of these have been returned with the blank spaces filled. The presumption is, that the remainder either were received at too late a day to be returned, or were sent to the wrong Post Office. I have learned from the representatives now present, that the address of some of the Secretaries is different from that of the Chapter to which they belong.

In obedience to instructions on page twenty of the printed proceedings of your last Grand Convocation, I issued special notice to all those Chapters which had failed to make returns for two years, requiring them to show cause at this time why their Charter should not be forfeited. Warrenton Chapter No. 9 has not acknowledged the receipt of the notice. All the other Chapters notified have conformed to the requirements of the Grand Chapter, except Cyrus No. 21, which, owing to the removal of some of its members by death, never was organized under its Charter.—The correspondence with all these Chapters is in the hands of your committee on Returns and Proceedings, who will present a further report on the same.

I also present my account current for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

On motion of Comp. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED, That the Work be exemplified at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment until 2½ o'clock, this afternoon.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, June 4th, 2½ o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E. Peter Custis,.....G. H. P.
E. Goold Hoyt, ...G. K.
E. D. D. Phillips,.....G. S.
Comp. H. G. Barnhill,.....G. C. H.
" S. W. Neal,.....G. P. S.
" H. W. Robinson,.....G. R. A. C. p. t.
" John Boylin,.....G. M. 3d V. "
" G. H. Makepeace,.....G. M. 2d V.
" Jacob Fiedler,.....G. M. 1st V. p. t.
" T. W. Brown,.....G. Treasurer.
" T. B. Carr,.....G. Secretary.
" L. C. Turner,.....G. Tyler, p. t.

Comps. F. M. Capehart, T. M. Gardner, P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., Jas. W. Blount.

The committee on Returns and proceedings presented the following report, which was adopted:

The committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters have performed the duty assigned them, and beg leave to submit their

REPORT: That the Returns of twenty Chapters have been placed in their hands, which, upon close examination, they are happy to find remarkably correct, with the exception of the omission of seals generally. It is to be hoped, that hereafter all the Chapters will use for their returns the printed forms, with a copy of which the Grand Secretary is directed in future to furnish every Chapter, at least one month before the annual Grand Convocation. We find the

Returns of Concord Chapter No. 1, made out in printed form and correct.
Do.....Phoenix....do..No. 2,....do.....do.....do.....do.
Do.....Mt. Ararat..do..No. 3,....do.....do.....do.....do.
Do.....Concord....do..No. 5,....do.....do.....do.....do.
Do.....Temple.....do..No. 6,....do..not printed form but..do.
Do.....Eureka.....do..No. 7,....do...do....do....do...do..do.
Do.....Oxford.....do..No. 8,....do.....printed form and...do.
Do.....Lafayette...do..No. 11,....do.....do.....do.....do.
Do.....Conoho.....do..No. 12,....do....written....do.....do.
Do.....Union.....do..No. 17,....do....printed....do.....do.
Do.....Gaston.....do..No. 18,....do....written....do.....do.
Do.....Keystone...do..No. 19,....do....printed....do.....do.
Do.....Salisbury...do..No. 20,....do.....do.....do.....do.
Do.....Lincoln....do..No. 22,....do.....do.....do.....do.
Do.....Montgomery do..No. 23,....do....written....do.....do.
Do.....Germanton..do..No. 24,....do.....do.....do.....do.
Do.....Mt.Lebanon.do..No. 27,....do.....do.....do.....do.
Do.....Graham.....do..No. 28,....do.....do.....do.....do.
Do.....Goldsboro'..do..No. 29,....do....printed....do.....do.
Do.....Mt. Vernon..do..No. 30, (assigned) U.D .do....do.....do.
Do.....Wadesboro'.do..No. 31,....do.....do..written.do.....do.

The following Chapters have made no returns, viz :

Roanoke No. 4.	Nos. 15 and 16 not filled.
Warrenton No. 9.	Cyrus No. 21, dead.
Raleigh No. 10.	Ashville No. 25.
Chorizon No. 13.	Louisburg No. 26.

It will be perceived by our proceedings, that Roanoke Chapter has satisfactorily accounted to the Grand Chapter for delinquencies, and it is now restored to its proper position.

R. H. Lewis, a Companion, we presume, in reply to a letter from the Grand Secretary, states that, from several causes, Cyrus Chapter No. 21, has never gone to work, and can offer no reason why the Charter should not be forfeited. We commend this matter wholly to the G. H. Priest.

In the case of the expulsion of W. H. Clements, sent up by Conoho Chapter No. 12, with all the proceedings thereon properly attested and regular, we recommend the confirmation of the sentence by this Grand Body.

In the case of Rob't M. Allen, expelled by Montgomery Chapter No. 23, and informally sent up, an amended and proper record having come up this session, assigning as the grounds of their action, the expulsion of the individual by Pee Dee Lodge, we recommend confirmation of the sentence by this Grand Body.

The committee are pleased to find, in the action of the subordinates, a ready acquiescence in the requirements of the Grand Chapter. Her laws, rules and edicts are, with rare exceptions, duly respected; and when, peradventure, it may appear otherwise, an unreserved explanation always results in establishing misapprehension as the cause, and amicable adjustment is sure to follow.

The Chapters in arrears are as follows, viz :

Warrenton.....No. 9,.$60 00	Germanton.....No. 24,. $5 00
Raleigh.....No. 10,. 15 00	Ashville.....No. 25,. 15 00
Cherokee.....No. 14,. 15 00	Louisburg.....No. 26,. 15 00
Cyrus.....No. 21,. 75 00	Graham.....No. 28,. 15 00
Lincoln..... No. 22,. 15 00	Goldsboro'.....No. 29,. 15 00

Cyrus No. 21, and Warrenton No. 9, seem to be the only Chapters requiring action. We therefore recommend that the G. H. Priest proceed, at his earliest convenience, to the necessary steps for arresting their Charters, and securing their effects, unless, in the process, circumstances should warrant a more lenient course.

The Grand Secretary assures the committee that he has performed his duty in giving due notice in every case of default; observing, however, that he was sometimes unable to decide in regard to the proper post offices at which to direct his communications.

While preparing this report, it has been suggested to the committee, that Mount Vernon Chapter, U. D., elected officers in anticipation of its Charter; if so, it must have been in direct violation of the terms of its Dispensation; but we are induced to believe the members did not so view it, as they were electing officers to act only after obtaining their Charter, and 'till the time of the regular elections, as set forth in their By-Laws—a decided error. But being actuated by the same indulgent spirit which has characterized the proceedings of this Grand Convocation, we would require no more of them than an acknowledgment of their error, granting them the privilege, at their next regular meeting, to confirm the election here under animadversion.

We must still insist that the Chapters, in preparing their Returns and Certificates, —in fact all official papers,—shall attach thereto their respective seals,—if they have none, say so, or procure one.

All which is respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING, *Chairman.*

The Grand Chapter was dispensed with for the purpose of exemplifying the Work.

The Grand Chapter then resumed labor.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until this evening, at 8 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

THURSDAY EVENING, June 4th, 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT:

M. E.	Peter Custis,	G. H. P.
E.	Goold Hoyt.	G. K.
E.	D. D. Phillips,	G. S.
Comp.	H. G. Barnhill,	G. C. H.
"	S. W. Neal,	G. P. S.
"	H. W. Robinson,	G. R. A. C. p. t.
"	Jas. W. Blount,	G. M. 3d V. "
"	Geo. H. Makepeace,	G. M. 2d V.
"	Jacob Fiedler,	G. M. 1st V. p. t.
"	T. B. Carr,	G. Secretary.
"	L. C. Turner,	G. Tyler. p. t.

R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., John Boylin, A. Martin, P. G. H. P., Jeremiah Chapman, P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.

The Grand Chapter was dispensed with for the purpose of exemplifying the Work.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

In accordance with the resolution previously adopted, (see page 16,) the M. E. G. H. P. appointed as a consulting committee on Work, Comps. A. Martin, P. G. H. P., P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., and L. Blackmer.

On motion of Comp. Goold Hoyt, it was

RESOLVED, That Comp. P. W. Fanning and the Grand Secretary be appointed a committee to have a suitable number of Diplomas engraved and printed on parchment, for the use of such of the subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction as may desire them; and that the fee for each Diploma be fixed at two dollars,—one half of which shall be for the use of this Grand Chapter, and the remainder for the Grand Secretary.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

THOS. B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

Registry of Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, from Returns received June 1st, 1857.

Chapters.	No.	Location.	High Priest.	Secretary.	Exaltations.	Rejections.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Total No. of Members.
Concord	1	Wilmington	R. G. Rankin	E. J. Lutterloh				2		109
Phœnix	2	Fayetteville	A. M. Campbell	Jas. B. Fergusou						39
Mount Ararat	3	Murfreesboro'	F. M. Capehart	J. T. Beaman	11		3	1	2	35
Roanoke	4	Halifax	No Returns.							
Concord	5	Tarboro'	Jas. Mehegan	Louis C. Pender	3	1		1		33
Temple	6	Windsor	Stark B. Smith	Chas. H. Stevenson	4					25
Eureka	7	Newbern	George Green	J. F. Jones	1			2		52
Oxford	8	Oxford	Z. M. Paschall	T. L. Hargrove	2					29
Warrenton	9	Warrentou	No Returns.							
Raleigh	10	Raleigh	No Returns.							
Lafayette	11	Hillsboro'	D. D. Phillips	Wm. Nelson			1			29
Conoho	12	Hamilton	R. E. Weathersbee	L. L. Clements	6		2		1	32
Chorazin	13	Greensboro'	No Returns.							
Cherokee	14	Hertford	No Returns.							
Union	17	Bear Swamp P. O.	Jas. W. Blount	Jas. G. Dickson			2			28
Gaston	18	Roxboro'	J. Drumwright	Rob't C. Bailey	3				1	17
Keystone	19	Plymouth	William Bagley	Joseph Ramsey						26
Salisbury	20	Salisbury	D. A. Davis	Martin Richwine						54
Cyrus	21	Milton	No Returns.							
Lincoln	22	Lincolnton	C. J. Hammarskold	R. F. Sloan			2			30
Montgomery	23	Clark's Creek	C. W. Wooley	Jas. M. Lilly	7					37
Germanton	24	Germanton	J. B. Kingsberry	J. E. Shumate	8			2		41
Asheville	25	Buncombe	No Returns.							
Louisburg	26	Louisburg	James Reid	Wm. H. Furman			1	1		34
Mount Lebanon	27	Wilson	L. D. Farmer	Thos. C. Davis	5			2		18
Graham	28	Watsonville	E. F. Watson	John Faucette	2		2			27
Goldsboro'	29	Goldsboro'	E. W. Hines	J. B. Griswold	17		2			20
Mount Vernon	30	Greenville	Goold Hoyt	Jas. Murray	16	2	4			21
Wadesboro'	31	Wadesboro'	S. W. Neal	J. P. Smith						22

FORM OF RETURNS FOR A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER.

Return of *Chapter No.* *working under the jurisdiction of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.*

Regular Meetings on

OFFICERS:

MEMBERS.	MEMBERS.

Exaltations.	Rejections.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Expuls'ns.	Suspens'ns.	Total Memb'rs.

Form of Proxy for a High Priest, King or Scribe of a Subordinate Chapter.

I, A. B, (High Priest, King or Scribe,) of *Chapter,* No. *constitute Companion C. D. my proxy to represent me at the next Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina, to be held in Wilmington, on the* *day of* *, in the year A. I.* 238 *, A. D.* 185 .

Witness my hand and Seal, this *day of* *, A. D.* 185 .

{SEAL.}

Dr. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina in Account with THOS. W. BROWN, *G. Treasurer. Cr.*

1856.			
June 6,	To Amount paid Grand Tyler,		$15 00
	" "	Appropriation G. H. P.,	30 00
	" "	T. Burr, printing,	10 50
	" "	Appropriation G. Secretary,	75 00
	" "	T. B. Carr, Stationery, Postage, &c.,	2 00
	" "	Fayetteville Observer,	4 00
Aug. 29,	" "	Remittance to G. H. P.,	100 00
Nov. 8,	" "	T. Burr for Printing,	141 93
1857.		" " "	3 75
May 18,	" "	Printing Star,	9 50
	" "	Appropriation to G. Treasurer, 1856,	30 00
	" "	Balance,	778 36
			$1.200 04

1856.			
June 3,	By Amount to new Account,		$519 63
	Interest on Rankin's Note,		24 00
	do. on Monies in hands Grand Treasurer,		6 41
1857.			
June 2,	By Dispensation Mount Vernon Chapter	No. 30,	90 00
	" Dues Temple "	No. 6,	45 00
	" do. Montgomery "	No. 23,	15 00
	" do. Gaston "	No. 18,	45 00
	" do. Salisbury "	No. 20,	15 00
	" do. Germanton "	No. 24,	15 00
	" do. Lafayette "	No. 11,	15 00
	" do. Concord "	No. 1,	15 00
	" do. Eureka "	No. 7,	15 00
	" do. Conoho "	No. 12,	60 00
	" do. Phœnix "	No. 2,	15 00
	" do. Goldsboro' "	No. 29,	15 00
	" do. Union "	No. 17,	15 00
	" do. Oxford "	No. 8,	15 00
	" do. Mount Ararat "	No. 3,	30 00
	" do. Graham "	No. 28,	15 00
	" do. Mount Lebanon "	No. 27,	30 00
	" do. Keystone "	No. 19,	15 00
	" Dispensation Wadesboro' "	No. 31,	90 00
	" Dues Chorazin "	No. 13,	30 00
	" do. Roanoke "	No. 4,	50 00
			$1,200 04

THOMAS. W. BROWN
Grand Treasurer.

WILMINGTON, N. C., JUNE 4, 1857.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, in account with
THOMAS B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

1856.					
June,	To Dispensation to Mt. Vernon Chapter				$90 00
1857.					
May,	To Dues of Temple	do..	No. 6,		45 00
	" " Montgomery	do..	No. 23,		15 00
" 29,	" " Gaston	do..	No. 18,		45 00
" 30,	" " Salisbury	do..	No. 20,		15 00
June 1,	" " Germanton	do..	No. 24,		15 00
" "	" " Lafayette	do..	No. 11,		15 00
" "	" " Concord	do..	No. 1,		15 00
" "	" " Eureka	do..	No. 7,		15 00
" "	" " Conoho	do..	No. 12,		60 00
" "	" " Phœnix	do..	No. 2,		15 00
" "	" " Goldsboro'	do..	No. 29,		15 00
" "	" " Union	do..	No. 17,		15 00
" "	" " Oxford	do..	No. 8,		15 00
" "	" " Mount Ararat	do..	No. 3,		30 00
" 3,	" " Mount Lebanon	do..	No. 27,		30 00
" "	" " Keystone	do..	No. 19,		15 00
" 2,	" " Graham (for 1856)	do..	No. 28,		15 00
" 3,	" Dispensation Wadesboro'	do..	No. 31,		90 00
" "	" Dues Chorazin	do..	No. 13,		30 00
" "	" " Roanoke	do..	No. 4,		50 00
					$650 00

By Amount paid Grand Treasurer as per Receipts,...$650 00

THOS. B. CARR,

June 4, 1857. *Grand Secretary.*

A LIST OF HIGH PRIESTS

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

M. E.	James F. McRee,	Wilmington.
"	Alex. McRae,	"
"	P. W. Fanning,	"
"	H P. Russell,	"
"	Alfred Martin,	"
"	Isaac Northrop,	"
"	D. McMillan,	"
"	R. G. Rankin,	"
"	A. Empie, Jr.,	"
"	W. G. Thomas,	"
"	Wm. G. Hill,	Raleigh.
"	E. B. Freeman,	"
"	John W. Crosby,	"
"	J. R. Harrison,	"
"	Jos. M. Cox,	Hertford.
"	Jos. G. Granbery,	"
"	J. W. Albertson,	"
"	E. Myers,	Salisbury.
"	D. A. Davis,	"
"	A. H. Caldwell,	"
"	L. Blackmer,	"
"	T B. Nicholls,	Plymouth,
"	Wm. Bagley,	"
"	J. Ramsey,	"
"	John McRae,	Fayetteville.
"	A. M. Campbell,	"
"	E. L. Winslow,	"
"	L. R. Loftin,	Duplin.
"	Thos. Wright,	"
"	Jas. W. Blount,	"
"	Pride Jones,	Hillsboro'.
"	D. D. Phillips,	"
"	E. F Watson,	Graham.
"	J. S. Pender,	Tarboro'.
"	Lewis Bond,	"
M. E.	Jas. Mehegan,	Tarboro'.
"	W. W. Daniel,	Halifax.
"	C. N. Webb,	"
"	Z. M. Paschall,	Oxford.
"	Wm. Burge,	Warrenton.
"	A. P. Yancy,	Murfreesboro'
"	F. M. Capehart,	"
"	P. P. Clements,	Hamilton.
"	William Slade,	"
"	R. E. Weathersbee,	"
"	C H. Jordan,	Roxboro'.
"	Jones Drumright,	"
"	C. W. Wooley,	Montgomery
"	J. S Gibson,	"
"	A. T. Jerkins,	Newbern.
"	Peter Cnstis,	"
"	H. K. Nash,	"
"	C P. Mendenhall,	"
"	Geo. Green,	"
"	Wm. Sloan.	Lincolnton.
"	C. J. Hammarskold,	"
"	Jas. A. Caldwell,	"
"	Jos. K. Bird,	Windsor.
"	Stark B. Smith,	"
"	Kater Biggs,	"
"	J. W. Haskins,	"
"	B. J. Spruill,	"
"	Joshua Roberts,	Asheville.
"	James Reid,	Louisburg.
"	J. S. Gibson,	Germanton.
"	J. B. Kingsberry,	"
"	L. D. Farmer,	Wilson.
"	E. W. Hines,	Goldsboro',
"	Goold Hoyt,	Greenville.
"	S W. Neal,	Wadesboro'.

The above list comprises all the High Priests, as far as can be at this time ascertained. Should there be any omissions, the Grand Secretary would be pleased to receive notice, to enable him to make a complete Register.

RETURN OF CHAPTERS,

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Chapter of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. L., 5857.

CONCORD CHAPTER No. 1—WILMINGTON.

OFFICERS:

M. E. R. G. Rankiin, ... H. P.
E. O. L. Fillyaw, ... K.
E. T. M. Gardner, ... S.
Comp. J. B. Russell, ... C. H.
" H. P. Russell, ... P. S.
" W. J. Price, ... R. A. C.
" M. Newhoff ..... M. 3d V.
" W. H. McDowell, ... M. 2d V.
" L. C. Turner, ... M. 1st V.
" E. J. Lutterloh, ... Secretary.
" J. A. Taylor, ... Treasurer.
" E. Turlington, ... Tyler.

MEMBERS:

A. Empie, Jr., P. H. P.,
D. A. Lamont,
J. M. Monk,
M. Cronly,
J. A. Stanley,
T. B. Carr,
D. Teller,
Alex. Boon,
R. Morriss,
J. H. Flanner,
A. McRae, Sr., P. H. P.,
D. McMillan, P. H. P.,
W. C. Parks,
W. A. Burr,
J. A. Silliman,
J. Lyon,
D. P. Beatty,
P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.,
A. Martin, P. G. H. P.,
A. J. Howell,
Thos. Cowan,
L. H. Marsteller,
A. McRae, Jr.,
T. F. Peck,
T. I. Faison,
M. McInnis,
H. W. Foy,
J. M. Foy,
J. H. Dall,
T. C. Worth,
D. Kahnweiler,
G. R. French,
T. F. Gause,
T. D. Meares,
J. S. James,
J. I. McDugald,
C. McMillan,
A. Lamont,
Alfred Smith,
Jas. T. Miller,
R. Fenner,
A. B. Chesnut,
Wm. Huntington,
T. Burr, Jr.,
Jno. Smith,

J. E. Metts,
I. Northrop, P. D. G. H. P.,
H. Hirsh,
B. G. Bates,
E. V. Kelly,
Jno. Nutt,
D. E. Roberts,
W. D. Smith,
John Banks,
George Harriss,
Jno. Walker, Jr.,
Jas. Snow,
Jas. Burney,
John D. Moore,
J. A. Barnes,
W. H. Turlington,
T. H. Lane,
John Branton,
N. T. Harriss,
John Garwood,
W. W. Harriss,
T. F. Robeson,
T. W. Brown,
John D. Powers,
A. P. Repiton,
R. Maxwell,
J. R. Beaman,
J. B. Price,
R. Strauge,
W. E. Robitzsch,
T. Page Ricaud, P. G. S.,
W. E. Freeman,
P. D. Trawick,
S. D. Wallace,
A. A. Brown.
Owen Fennell,
J. Mathews,
J. H. Wright,
Jno. Christian,
Wm. Murphy,
J. H. Allen,
Jos. Green,
S. Teller,
Luther Wright,
M. C. Turrentine,
Owen Holmes,
Sam'l Langdon,
R. E. Troy,
W. G. Jones,
J. H. Pritchett,
C. T. Murphy,
J. Wilkinson.

One admission; no exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; two deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions; no residents not members. Whole number of members 109. Regular times of meeting, 1st and 3d Monday in each month.

E. J. LUTTERLOH, *Secretary.*

PHŒNIX CHAPTER No. 2—FAYETTEVILLE.

OFFICERS:

M. E. Archibald M. Campbell,.....H. P.
E. Rev. James McDaniel,.....K.
E. Joseph Arey,.....S.
Comp. John A. McLauchlin, ...C. H.
" George Lander,.....P. S.
" H. C. Lucas,.....R. A. C.
" John D. Williams, ...M. 3d V.
" Warren Prior,.....M. 2d V.
" Joseph B. Starr,.....M. 1st V.
" W. B. Shemwell, ...Secretary.
" Warren Prior,.....Treasurer.
" David Wemyss,.....Tyler.

MEMBERS:

John McRae,
John D. Williams,
Isham Blake,
A. M. Campbell,
James McDaniel,
B. F. Pearce,
E. L. Winslow,
John A. McLauchlin,
Edwin Glover,
J. B. Walton,
Jas. B. Ferguson,
Jno. Lawrence,
Jos. Arey,
James Dodd,
Warren Prior,
George Lander,
Joseph B. Starr,
A. H. Whitfield,

Neill Stuart,	C. P. Jones,	J. A. Worth,
E. Turlington,	J. R. Carter,	J. McD. Jessup,
David Wemyss,	W. S. Fowlkes,	A. P. Hurt,
W. J. Smith,	George H. Makepeace,	H. A. McSwain,
J. W. Lett,	G. T. H. Crockett,	H. C. Lucas,
W. B. Shemwell,	T. H. Pemberton.	

RESIDENT R. A. M. NOT MEMBERS:

Thomas Waddell,	John W. Sandford,	O. P. Stark,
	T. J. Curtis.	

Two admissions; no exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions; four residents not members. Whole number 39. Regular time of meeting, 1st Tuesday in every month.

JAMES B. FERGUSON, *Secretary.*

MOUNT ARARAT CHAPTER No. 3—MURFREESBORO'.

OFFICERS:

M. E.	F. M. Capehart,	H. P.
E.	J. P. Bridger,	K.
E.	Isaac Pipkin,	S.
Comp.	Isaac Baugham,	C. H.
"	R. F. Hart,	P. S.
"	A. E. Grant,	R. A. C.
"	J. H. Vincent,	M. 3d V.
"	William Edwards,	M. 2d V.
"	Wm. H. Darden,	M. 1st V.
"	J. T. Beaman,	Secretary.
"	A. Britt,	Treasurer.
"	G. D. Parker,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Daniel Brown,	John R. Rochell,	Sam'l Darden,
Jet. R. Darden,	John P. Lee,	A. G. Jones,
Wm. T. Bynum,	Charles Vann,	Abner Carter,
Jas. H. Vinson,	A. P. Rawls,	Jas. J. Rochell,
A. D. Ramsey,	Richard Shane,	James M. Wynns,
Joseph J. Freeman,	R. E. Beal,	E. T. Hill.

RESIDENT R. A. M. NOT MEMBERS:

J. L. Long,	Thos. Vaughan,	Wm. J. Maggett,
	L. Bowden,	F. A. Nolly.

Eleven admissions; eleven exaltations; no rejections; three withdrawals; one death; two expulsions; no suspensions; five residents not members. Whole number 35. Regular time of meeting, the 3d Saturday in each month.

G. D. PARKER, *Secretary pro tem.*

CONCORD CHAPTER No. 5—TARBORO'.

OFFICERS:

M. E. James Mehegen,.....H. P.
E. Henry T. Clark, ...K.
E. William S. Long, ...S.
Comp. John H. Leigh, ...C. H.
" William Harrell,.....P. S.
" Elisha Cromwell, ...R. A. C.
" David Cobb,.....M. 3d V.
" John Knight, Jr.,.....M. 2d V.
" Mayo Worsley, ...M. 1st V.
" Louis C. Pender,.....Secretary.
" William Norfleet, ...Treasurer.
" Joseph A. Brown, ...Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Benjamin M. Jackson,	Jesse H. Drake,	A. J. Cotten,
Louis Bond,	John H. Drake,	James Nelson,
Josiah D. Jenkins,	Daniel S. Crenshaw,	John F. Huges,
R. H. Pender,	John Mooring,	Wm. F. Mercer,
Josiah S. Pender,	Benjamin Batts,	John R. Mercer,
William Andrews,	Wm. H. Smith,	Wm. S. Duggin,
James F. Jenkins,	Kenneth Thigpen,	Redden Daughtery.

RESIDENT R. A. MASON NOT A MEMBER—Epenetus Cromwell.

No admissions; three exaltations; one rejection; no withdrawals; one death; no expulsions; no suspensions; one resident not a member. Whole number 33. Regular time of meeting, 3d Saturday in each month. Regular meetings, five. Special meetings, two.

L. C. PENDER, *Secretary.*

TEMPLE CHAPTER No. 6—WINDSOR.

OFFICERS:

M. E. Stark B. Smith,.....H. P.
E. George W. McGlauhon, ...K.
E. David Harrell,.....S.
Comp. Wm. P. Gurley,.....C. H.
" Francis W. Bird,.....P. S.
" Burwell B. Russell, ...R. A. C.
" Arodi Piland,.....G. M. 3d V.
" Etherton Wilson, ...G. M. 2d V.
" Whitmel R. Swain,.....G. M. 1st V.
" Thomas H. Spellir, ...Treasurer.
" Charles H. Stevenson,.....Secretary.
" John F. Shepperd, ...Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Kader Biggs,	Robert H. Smith,	Thomas W. Reddick,
Augustus Holley,	Richard P. Freeman,	Benjamin J. Spruil,
Peter Henneberry,	Jeremiah H. Bunch,	William F. Ellis,
John T. Roscoe,	Patrick H. Winston,	Noah H. Thompson,
Samuel B. Spruil,	Zebulon L. Simmons.	

Four exaltations; no suspensions; no expulsions; ten regular meetings; one special meeting; two deaths. Whole number 25. Regular time of meeting, 2d Tuesday in each month, except March and September, and the 3d Tuesday in those two months.

CHARLES H. STEVENSON, *Secretary.*

EUREKA CHAPTER No. 7—NEWBERN.

OFFICERS:

M. E. George Green,.....H. P.
E. A. Miller,.....K.
E. J. Disosway,.....S.
Comp. J. D. Flanner,.....C. H.
" J. D. Whitford,.....P. S.
" L. Attmore,.....R. A. C.
" L. R. Clark,.....G. M. 3d V.
" J. T. Lane,.....G. M. 2d V.
" C. L. Primrose,.....G. M. 1st V.
" J. F. Jones,.....Secretary.
" W. H. Oliver,.....Treasurer.
" W. H. Jones,.....Tyler.
" M. A. Outten,.....Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

A. T. Jerkins, P. G. M.	Peter Custis, M. E. G. H. P.,	E. R. Stanly,
O. S. Dewey,	W. C. Hunter,	E. R. Coward,
T. R. Wilson,	E. W. Montford,	F. B. Harrison,
J. Utley,	Allen Blount,	W. J. Pope,
J. A. May,	Jesse Hart,	W. R. Frizzle,
T. P. Ricaud,	W. L. Webb,	A. J. Murrell,
Joseph Whitty,	J. H. Foy,	F. S. Humphrey,
David Marshall,	D. S. Willis,	Stephen Sparrow,
W. A. Pugh,	R. D. Warren,	C. H. Foy,
M. F. Arendell,	Jno. Shackleford,	Levi A. Mewbourn,
Isaac Ramsay,	R. A. Russell,	J. A. Hartley,
A. F. N. Rolfe,	Calvin Cox,	Jno. M. Patrick,
J. W. Whitaker,	J. M. F. Rhodes,	Franklin Thomas,
	L. D. Pool.	

No admissions; one exaltation; no rejections; no withdrawals; two deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions. Whole number of members 52. Regular time of meeting, 1st Wednesday in each month.

J. F. JONES, *Secretary.*

OXFORD CHAPTER No. 8—OXFORD.

OFFICERS:

M. E. Z. M. Paschall, ...H. P.
E. Lyman Latham, ...K.
E. Leonard H. Bullock, ...S.
Comp. James H. Homer, ...C. H.
" Wm. A. Philpott, ...P. S.
" Isaiah R. Fuller, ...R. A. C.
" D. A. Paschall, ...M. 3d V.
" John B. Green, ...M. 2d V.
" Thos. H. Raney, ...M. 1st V.
" T. L. Hargrove, ...Secretary.
" R. W. Lassiter, ...Treasurer.
" A. F. Spencer, ...Tyler.

MEMBERS:

J. E. Allen,	J. D. Bullock,	R. J. Devin,
Wm. T. Ezell,	E. H. Hicks,	Archibald Taylor,
S. F. Venable,	R. P. Taylor,	D. S. Wilkerson,
J. S. Overby,	J. T. Littlejohn,	L. A. Paschall,
George Wortham,	James H. Strum,	L. C. Taylor,
James M. Bullock,	Wilson Barford.	

No admissions; two exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions; no residents not members. Whole number of members, 29. Regular time of meeting, 3d Monday in every month.

T. L. HARGROVE, *Secretary.*

LAFAYETTE CHAPTER No. 11—HILLSBORO'.

OFFICERS:

M. E. D. D. Phillips, ...H. P.
E. Thomas Webb, ...K.
E. Samuel P. Moore, ...S.
Comp. John M. Wolf, ...C. H.
" J. J. Alleson, ...P. S.
" C. E. Parrish, ...R. A. C.
" John A. Faucett, ...M. 3d V.
" A. C. Murdock, ...M. 2d V.
" John McCracken, ...M. 1st V.
" Wm. Nelson, ...Secretary.
" P. Johns, ...Treasurer.
" James M. Palmer, ...Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Alexander Dickson,	Joseph Allison,	H. K. Nash,
William Dickson,	B. S. Durham,	John J. Freeland,
John Q. Anderson,	Frederick Zirlant,	James C. Turner,
Gaston D. Cobb,	D. A. Montgomery,	William McCown,
Thos. Howerton,	Antonio D. Martine,	W. F. Bason,
John C. Douglass,	John F. Lyon.	

RESIDENT R. A. M. NOT MEMBERS:

E. Strudwick,	C. M. Latimer,	George Laws,
J. L. Baley,	Prof. Wheat,	John McCown.

No Admissions; no exaltations; no rejections; one withdrawal; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions; residents not members 6. Whole number of members, 29.—Regular time of meeting, 2d Thursday in each month.

WM. NELSON, *Secretary.*

CONOHO CHAPTER No. 12—HAMILTON.

OFFICERS:

M. E. Robert E. Weathersbe.,.....H. P.
E. Jno. B. Whitaker, ...K.
E. Samuel M. Bowers, ...S.
Comp. H. B. Godwin,.....C. H.
" Wm. W. Sherrod,.....P. S.
" John M. Mathews,.....R. A. C.
" James A. Daniels, ...M. 3d V.
" Bennett S. Baker, ...M. 2d V.
" Turner E. Barnhill,.....M. 1st V.
" L. L. Clements,.....Secretary.
" Timothy W. Ward,.....Treasurer.
" Wm. Beasley, ...Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Joseph J. Anthony,	Henry Budeke,	Marcus C. Cherry,
George Hobbs,	Friley J. Harrell,	C. C. Hines,
Wm. T. Hyman,	Jno. H. Hyman,	W. R. Hansell,
G. L. Moore,	John D. Latham,	Joseph E. Short,
Simon M. Smithwick,	Robert W. Sherrod,	Samuel J. Williams,
Joseph Waldo,	H. S. Williams,	Wm. P. Weathersbe,
James S. Williams,	P. W. Zarrell.	

Seven admissions; six exaltations; no rejections; two withdrawals; no deaths; one expulsion; no suspensions; no residents not members. Whole number of members, 32. Regular time of meeting, 1st Monday in each month.

L. L. CLEMENTS, *Secretary.*

UNION CHAPTER No. 17—DUPLIN COUNTY.

OFFICERS:

M. E. Jas. W. Blount,.....H. P.
E. L. F. Williams,.....K.
E. Joel Loftin,.....S.
Comp. T. Wright,.....C. H.
" Jas. R. Hurst,.....P. S.
" D. Bowden,.....R. A. C.
" B. C. Bowden,.....M. 3d V.
" D. Watkins,.....M. 2d V.
" Speight Hill,.....M. 1st V.
" Jas. G. Dickson,.....Secretary.
" A. R. Hicks,.....Treasurer.
" D. B. Newton,.....Tyler.

MEMBERS:

D. B. Newton, Joel Loftin, D. Bowden,
A. R. Hicks, James W. Blount, J. G. Dickson,
B. C. Bowden, D. Wright, C. D. Hill,
T. Wright, H. F. Murphy, A. Guy,
H. W. Faison, W. J. Hill, D. K. Kornegay,,
J. R. Hurst, F. O. Wilson, D. Watkins,
Speight Hill, L. F. Williams, T. B. Hill,
James Cannon, J. G. Branch, L. Humphrey,
W. H. Herring, J. W. Hinson, J. R. Hatch,
E. Peterson.

RESIDENT R. A. M. NOT MEMBERS:

L. R. Loftin, F. B. Millard, H. H. Hodges,
B. W. Williams, James McDuffie, Wm. F. Pollock,
Dan'l Glisson.

No admissions; no exaltations; no rejections; two withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions; seven residents not members. Whole number of members, 28. Regular time of meeting, 2d Thursday of each month.

JAS. G. DICKSON, *Secretary.*

GASTON CHAPTER No. 18—ROXBORO'.

OFFICERS:

M. E. Jones Drumwright,.....H. P.
E. Charles H. Bradher,.....K.
E. .....S.
Comp. John Baerd,.....C. H.
" Chesly H. Hamlin,.....P. S.
" Wm. R. Webb,.....R. A. C.
" John W. Hunt,.....M. 3d V.
" Edwin G. Reade,.....M. 2d. V.
" Thomas H. Nelson,.....M. 1st V.
" Charles S. Winstead,.....Treasurer.
" Robert C. Baetey,.....Secretary.
" John J. Ellison,.....Tyler.

MEMBERS:

C. H. Jordan,	Junius P. Moore,	William Bradher,
Benjamin Stanfield,	Benjamin M. Williams,	J. Whitfield,

Three exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no suspensions; one expulsion. Whole number of members, 17. Regular time of meeting, 3d Saturday in each month.

R. C. BAETEY, *Secretary.*

KEYSTONE CHAPTER No. 19—PLYMOUTH.

OFFICERS:

M. E.	William Bagley,	H. P.
E.	Thomas B. Nicholls,	K.
E.	Henry B. Short,	S.
Comp.	Henry A. Gilliam,	C. H.
"	Thomas E. Pender,	P. S.
"	George W. Pearce,	R. A. C.
"	Enoch Jones,	M. 3d V.
"	John Brown,	M. 2d V.
"	John Simmons,	M. 1st V.
"	Joseph Ramsey,	Secretary.
"	Isaac Kelly,	Treasurer.
"	James Magee,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Joseph A. Spruill,	F. F. Fagan,	Wm. W. Ward,
Thos. P. White,	Silas Murray,	Edgar Hanks,
Warren W. Ward,	Chas. G. Phelps,	John McC. Boyle,
John F. Phelps,	Edwin H. White.	

RESIDENT R. A. M. NOT MEMBERS:

Samuel T. Gaylord,	Benj. J. Spruill,	Alfred Winchell,

No admissions; no exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions; three residents not members. Whole number of members, 26. Regular time of meeting, 2d Tuesday in each month.

J. RAMSEY, *Secretary.*

SALISBURY CHAPTER No. 20—SALISBURY.

OFFICERS:

M. E. Dolphin A. Davis,.....H. P.
E. Daniel Coleman,.....K.
E. J. G. Ramsey,.....S.
Comp. J. D. Ramsey,.....C. H.
" Luke Blackmer,.....P. S.
" E. R. Gibson,.....R. A. C.
" A. J. York,.....M. 3d V.
" Thos. A. Burk,.....M. 2d V.
" William Murdock,.....M. 1st V.
" Martin Richwine,.....Secretary.
" Joseph F. Chambers,.....Treasurer.
" Lewis Gumb,.....Tyler.

MEMBERS:

E. Myers,	A. H. Caldwell,	T. P. Ricaud,
H. C. Simonton,	O. Woodson,	J. M. Coffin,
Turner Pinkston,	D. W. Honeycutt,	A. M. Booe,
B. Bailey,	Jehu Hank,	John A. Holt,
John J. Shaver,	Jas. A. Johnston,	Jos. A. Worth,
Clarkson Coffin,	T. J. Bryan,	Geo. Riley,
G. W. Johnston,	Jno. Kelley,	J. T. Alexander,
John O. Ross,	J. B. Jones,	A. G. Holder,
A. M. Nesbit,	Alex. Murdock,	R. D. Vandusen,
Horrace Laselle,	H. H. Dent,	D. B. Wood,
Wm. P. Burk,	R. L. Melton,	Hugh Murdock,
Samuel Taylor,	John H. McKinley,	J. S. Caldleugh,
J. W. Wiscman,	G. A. Bingham,	J. A. Kelley,
R. P. Bessent,	Jno. G. Bynum,	Jno. W. Ellis.

No admissions; no exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions; no residents not members. Whole number of members, 54.

MARTIN RICHWINE, *Secretary.*

LINCOLN CHAPTER No. 22—LINCOLNTON.

OFFICERS:

M. E. C. J. Hammarskold,.....H. P.
E. E. S. Barrett,.....K.
E. J. H. Ramsour,.....S.
Comp. J. A. Caldwell,.....C. H.
" M. King,.....P. S.
" J. T. Alexander,.....R. A. C.
" Z. A. Moss,.....M. 3d V.
" M. J. Aydolett,.....M. 2d V.
" Wm. Sloan,.....M. 1st V.
" R. F. Sloan,.....Secretary.
" L. P. Henderson,.....Treasurer.
" J. A. Jetton,.....Tyler.

MEMBERS:

B. F. Briggs,	A. W. Burton,	Thos. W. Bradburn,
J. C. Smith,	A. Myers,	J. Q. Carpenter,
J. F. Aydolett,	George Mosteller,	A. M. Gillespie,
A. J. Hause,	J. M. Happoldt,	S. J. Lowrie, M. M.,
W. Jenks,	J. H. Goodell,	A. J. Scobourg.

No admissions; no exaltations; no rejections; two withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions; three residents not members. Whole number of members, 30. Regular time of meeting, Wednesday of Court week—viz: April, July, October and January.

J. T. ALEXANDER, *Secretary.*

MONTGOMERY CHAPTER No. 23—CLARK'S CREEK.

OFFICERS:

M. E. C. W. Wooley,.....H. P.
E. J. H. Montgomery,.....K.
E. S. H. Christian,.....S.
Comp. P. P. Ballard,.....C. H.
" W. G. Deberry,.....P. S.
" C. J. Cochran,.....R. A. C.
" J. B. Ballard,.....M. 3d V.
" J. T. Matheson,.....M. 2d V.
" J. C. Andrews,.....M. 1st V.
" Jas. M. Lilly,.....Secretary.
" Wm. McRae,.....Treasurer.
" Jeremiah Luther,.....Chaplain.
" Solomon M. Ballard,.....Tyler.

MEMBERS:

N. B. Miller,	Alex. McRae,	James W. McRae,
H. G. Lucas,	R. T. Steele,	A. S. McLennan,
J. R. Livingston,	Dr. A. H. Ingram,	N. T. Bowden,
D. S. Monroe,	Dr. P. W. Wooley,	D. Hearne,
Dr. O. Hadley,	W. S. Pemberton,	Dr. O. P. Luther,
Jno. P. Little,	Thos. R. Baldwin,	E. F. Lilly,
E. J. Christian,	John Randle,	S. W. Neal,
R. T. Hall,	W. Ward Virdin, Jr.,	J. T. Andrews.

Seven exaltations; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions. Number of stated meetings 1. Number of called meetings 5. Time of regular meetings, on the 1st Tuesday evening after the Friday before the full of the Moon in every month.

JAS. M. LILLY, *Secretary.*

GERMANTON CHAPTER No. 24—GERMANTON.

OFFICERS:

M. E. J. B. Kingsberry,.....H. P.
E. A. L. Bitting, ...K.
E. W. S. Leak, ...S.
Comp. J. S. Gibson,.....C. H.
" R. G. Mays,.....P. S.
" E. B. King, ...R. A. C.
" W. P. Gibson,.....M. 3d V.
" W. W. Petree, ...M. 2d V.
" D. R. Leak,.....M. 1st V.
" J. E. Shumate,.....Secretary.
" W. T. Gannaway, ...Treasurer.
" W. C. Kingsberry, ...Tyler.

MEMBERS:

J. Atwood,	B. L. Bitting,	J. H. Bitting,
J. E. Bruce,	J. F. Dance,	D. E. Fields,
P. Felter,	J. W. Hunter.	H. Holder,
S. C. Hill,	P. Hulchenson,	W. H. Gwin,
C. W. McAnally,	A. P. Gumback,	J. Shultz,
J. Stires,	H. C. Wilson,	W. B. Richardson,
H. Renigan,	J. A. Bitting,	B. Jones,
R. H. Smith,	S. Ivey,	T. Long,
W. W. Long,	S. S. Bryant,	V. Bohannon,
T. S. Martin,	J. W. Hunter.	

No admissions; eight exaltations; no rejections; no withdrawals; two deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions; no residents not members. Whole number of members, 41. Regular time of meeting, 3d Saturday in every month.

J. E. SHUMATE, *Secretary.*

LOUISBURG CHAPTER No. 26—LOUISBURG.*

M. E. Rev. James Reid,.....H. P.
E. Jas. H. Yarborough,.....K.
E. Joseph J. Davis,.....S.
Comp. Dr. Ellis Malone, ...C. H.
" Nathan B. Walker, ...P. S.
" James J. Minetree, ...R. A. C.
" Wm. H. Strother, Jr, ...M. 3d V.
" A. C. Massenburg,.....M. 2d V.
" E. L. Stegall,.....M. 1st V.
" Wm. H. Furman, ...Secretary.
" Richard F. Yarborough, ...Treasurer.
" W. F. Sykes,.....Tyler.

*Received since the close of Annual Convocation.—*G. Sec'y.*

MEMBERS:

A. M. Noble,	Rev. N. F. Reid,	N. B. Massenburg,
Rev. P. H. Joyner,	Rev. William Closs,	A. Thomas,
Gen. Joseph B. Littlejohn,	Joseph J. Harper,	Calvin Stone,
Washington Harriss,	Wm. A. Stone,	John Chambler,
John H. Brodie,	Calvin B. Walker,	W. B. Foster,
Benj. H. Sonsby,	D. W. Williams,	Thomas K. Thomas,
William A. Moore,	John Westley Williams,	Jonathan A. Stone.

RESIDENT R. A. M. NOT A MEMBER:

Rev. N. K. Barham.

Two admissions; no exaltations; no rejections; one withdrawal; one death; no expulsions; no suspensions; one resident not a member. Whole number of members, 34. Regular time of meeting, 3d Thursday in every month.

WM. H. FURMAN, *Secretary.*

MOUNT LEBANON CHAPTER No. 27—WILSON.

OFFICERS:

M. E.	L. D. Farmer,	H. P.
E.	Westly Swift,	K.
E.	Andrew E. Gill,	S.
Comp.	Jethro Aycock,	C. H.
"	B. H. Barden,	P. S.
"	Moses Farmer,	R. A. C.
"	John G. Williams,	M. 3d V.
"	D. M. Barnes,	M. 2d V.
"	William D. Thorne,	M. 1st V.
"	Thomas C. Davis,	Secretary.
"	Henry King,	Treasurer.
"	Franklin Barrow,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Harrington Daniel,	B. C. Strickland,	Pomeroy Clark,
Isaac B. Farmer,	Jacob Fiedler,	Willis N. Hackney.

Five exaltations; two deaths; no expulsions; no withdrawals.

T. C. DAVIS, *Secretary.*

GRAHAM CHAPTER No. 28—WATSONVILLE.

OFFICERS:

M. E. E. F. Watson, ...H. P.
E. P. A. Holt.....K.
E. John Holt, ...S.
Comp. A. H. Boyd,.....C. H.
" J. A. Murray,.....P. S.
" Wm. H. Faucette,.....R. A. C.
" L. K. Wood,.....M. 3d V.
" Thos. J. Fowler,.....M. 2d V.
" H. C. Hurdle, ...M. 1st V.
" John Faucette,.....Secretary.
" Josiah M. Culley,.....Treasurer.
" John Klapp, ...Tyler.

MEMBERS:

E. F. Watson,	P. A. Holt,	A. Apple,
J. O. Holt,	G. G. Walker,	A. Boyd,
Wm. A. Holt,	Thos. Fowler,	H. C. Hurdle,
J. A. Murray,	Wm. Faucette,	John Klapp,
Wm. R. Denny,	Rev. R. G. Tinnen,	J. M. Klapp,
Rev. J. S. Swift,	Wm. Paterson,	A. J. Ryles,
L. K. Wood,	E. W. Beale,	Wm. Cobb,
Wm. B. McRay,	John Faucette,	J. M. Culley,
C. H. Faucette,	W. G. Clendenin,	Thomas E. Roberts.

Two exaltations; no rejections; two withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions.—Whole number of members, 27. Regular meeting, 1st Friday in every month.

JNO. FAUCETTE, *Secretary.*

GOLDSBORO' CHAPTER No. 29—GOLDSBORO'.

OFFICERS:

M. E. E. W. Hines, ...H. P.
E. J. J. Baker, ...K.
E. W. Robinson,.....S.
Comp. M. D. Craton, ...C. H.
" W. F. Kornegay,.....P. S.
" R. S. Moore, ...R. A. C.
" E. B. Wood, ...M. 3d V.
" J. C. Borden,.....M. 2d V.
" J. W. Davis, ...M. 1st V.
" J. B. Griswold,.....Secretary.
" C. F. Dewey,.....Treasurer.
" J. G. Parker,.....Tyler.

MEMBERS:

John Wright,	W. Carraway,	James M. Duffee,
J. H. Brent,	John S. Kennedy,	John C. Rhodes,
T. T. Hollowell,	D. A. Powell,	

One admitted; seventeen exaltations; no rejections; two withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions; one resident not a member. Whole number of members, 20. Regular time of meeting, 3d Saturday in each month.

J. B. GRISWOLD, *Secretary.*

MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER No. 30—GREENVILLE.

OFFICERS:

M. E.	Goold Hoyt,	H. P.
E.	H. G. Barnhill,	K.
E.	James Nelson,	S.
Comp.	S. E. Milborn,	C. H.
"	Wm. T. Marsh,	P. S.
"	J. D. Doughty,	R. A. C.
"	H. R. Congleton,	M. 3d V.
"	Wm. L. Cherry,	M. 2d V.
"	G. L. Pritchard,	M. 1st V.
"	James Murray,	Secretary.
"	Wm. R. Frizzle,	Treasurer.
"	Franklin Bell,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

William W. Dunn,	Montgomery Long,	George L. Pritchard,
Burton G. Albritton,	Thomas B. James,	William L. Cherry,
Guilford W. Cox,	Benjamin F. Davis,	William T. Marsh,
Stephen E. Milborn,	Alexander S. Davis,	Joseph B. Barrett,
James D. Doughty,	Franklin Bell,	Ashley Allen,
Henry R. Congleton,	Walter S. Hanrahan,	William A. Pugh.

Twenty-one admissions; sixteen exaltations; two rejections; four withdrawals; no deaths; no expulsions; no suspensions; no residents not members. Whole number of members, 21. Regular time of meeting, first Saturday in each and every month.

G. W. COX, *Secretary.*

WADESBORO' CHAPTER No. 31—WADESBORO'.

OFFICERS:

M. E.	S. W. Neal,	H. P.
E.	R. T. Hall,	K.
E.	E. F. Lilly,	S.
Comp.	Eli Freeman,	C. H.
"	E. F. Kendall,	P. S.
"	Thos. G. Sanders,	R. A. C.
"	A. L. Stough,	M. 3d V.
"	Jno. Boylin,	M. 2d V.
"	H. W. Robinson,	M. 1st V.
"	J. P. Smith,	Secretary.
"	A. C. Moore,	Treasurer.
"	Jno. Cowick,	Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Jos. White,	Levin Woolen,	W. A. Liles,
E. H. Struater,	E. Hutchison,	James C. Caraway,
Jno. Ruscoe,	B. F. Smith,	T. A. Vestal,
	A. Settle.	

Total number of members, 22.

J. P. SMITH, *Secretary.*

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter

OF

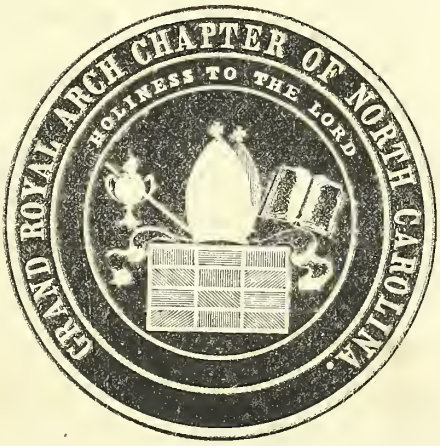
NORTH CAROLINA,

AT ITS

Twelfth Annual Convocation,

In Wilmington, N. C., on Monday, the seventh day of June,

A. L. 5858, A. I. 2388, A. D. 1858.



WILMINGTON, N. C.....HERALD OFFICE.

1858.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until this afternoon at five o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

MONDAY AFTERNOON, June 7, 1858.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Present—Officers and members as this morning.

Visitor—Comp'n W. Murphy.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

The Committee on Credentials have only, as yet, had a limited number of Credentials placed in their hands, which they have duly examined, and find the following Companions entitled to represent the several Chapters against which their names are placed, as indicated:

Key Stone,	No. 19....	P. W. Fanning, prox. for H. P., K., and S.
Asheville,	No. 25....	R. B. Vance, prox. for H. P.
Lafayette,	No. 11....	John M. Wolfe, prox. for H. P., and James M. Palmer, prox. for K., and S.
Concord,	No. 1....	R. G. Rankin, H. P.; O. L. Fillyaw, K.; T. B. Carr, S.
Conoho,	No. 12....	T. B. Carr, Rep.
Mt. Ararat,	No. 3....	M. Cronly, Rep.
Mt. Vernon,	No. 30....	Goold Hoyt, H. P., and prox. for S.

P. W. FANNING, } *Committee.*
J. M. PALMER, }

On motion of Comp'n Fanning, it was

Resolved, That the reading of the minutes of the last Convocation be dispensed with, each member being furnished with a copy.

An invitation was extended by the M. E. G. H. P., to all Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, to occupy seats with the Grand Chapter during its present Convocation.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY MORNING, June 8, 1858.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. Peter Custis, - - - - - - -	G. H. P.	
E. Goold Hoyt, - - - - - - -	G. K.	
E. E. F. Watson, D. G. H. P., - -	G. S.	p. t.
R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., - -	G. C. H.	"
J. G. Parker, - - - - - - -	G. P. S.	"
R. T. Hall, - - - - - - - -	G. R. A. C.	"
J. W. Blount, - - - - - - -	G. M. 3d V.	"
R. B. Vance, - - - - - - -	G. M. 2d V.	"
James M. Palmer, - - - - -	G. M. 1st V.	"
Thos. B. Carr, - - - - - -	G. Secretary.	
E. Turlington, - - - - - -	G. Tyler.	

Comp'ns O. L. Fillyaw, Speight Hill, E. J. Lutterloh, P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., A. Martin, P. G. H. P., J. B. Griswold, M. Cronly, H. C. Hurdle, Joab Hiatt, Alex'r Murdock, Calvin Cox, T. L. B. Gregory, John M. Wolfe.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following additional report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Credentials ask leave to make the following additional report. The Companions named have presented the proper certificates, entitling them to participation in this Grand Convocation:

Union,	No. 17.....Jas. W. Blount, H. P.; Benj. F. Cobb, prox. for K.; Speight Hill, prox. for S.
Goldsboro'	No. 29....Jno. G. Parker, prox. for H. P.; Jno. B. Griswold, prox. for K.; and J. C. Bowden, prox. for S.
Wadesboro'	No. 30....R. J. Hall, H. P., and prox. for K. and S.
Salisbury,	No. 20....Alex. Murdock, delegate.
Graham,	No. 28....E. F. Watson, H. P.; H. C. Hurdle, prox. from K. and S.
Choraizin,	No. 13....Joab Hiatt, K.
Roanoke,	No. 4....T. L. B. Gregory, prox. for K.
Mt. Vernon,	No. 30....Calvin Cox, King.
Phœnix,	No. 2....Geo. H. Makepeace, H. P.; H. C. Lucas, prox. for K. and S.

The Committee ask leave to amend their first report by substituting the name of John M. Wolfe, as prox. for H. P., of Lafayette Chapter No. 11., instead of Comp'n Palmer.

P. W. FANNING, *Committee.*

The M. E. appointed the following Committees:

On Unfinished Business—Comp'ns Goold Hoyt, John M. Wolfe, and T. L. B. Gregory.

On Charters and Dispensations—Comp'ns E. F. Watson, D. G. H. P., J. W. Blount, and Alex'r Murdock.

On Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters—Comp'ns P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., Joab Hiatt, H. C. Hurdle, and R. B. Vance.

The M. E. G. H. P. presented his annual report:

COMPANIONS:

The providence of God has again permitted us to assemble around our common Altar, to offer up a yearly thanksgiving for his kind protection during the past year, and to implore his guidance for the future. May the light of his countenance shine upon us! May our understandings be enlightened, and our hearts inclined to act as becomes Masons, and to legislate worthily for those with whose interests we have been entrusted! We meet under circumstances different from those which have characterised our former convocation; the fetters which shackled our legislation have been thrown aside, and acknowledging no higher Masonic Body than ourselves, we meet to legislate under the supreme authority of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. Let us hope that, as rulers of our own masonic actions, looking to no other source for light and information, we may preserve harmony within our own jurisdiction, and by consultation with each other, and a careful study of the ancient land marks, be enabled to ascertain the true and ancient work of our Order, and establish uniformity at least within the borders of our own State. This subject has been set apart, by a resolution adopted at your last Grand Convocation, for your deliberation at our present session, and should command your most serious consideration. After the adoption of a system of work, it will devolve upon you, to devise some sure and certain method for its dissemination. The system of Grand Lecturers has become exceedingly objectionable, and should you depend upon your former mode of dispensing light by them, you will find that, although year by year you may inculcate upon your subordinates the great necessity of uniformity of work, and urge upon them the employment of your Grand Lecturer, your solicitations will be unheeded, your commands neglected, and the rays of light emanating from this Grand Body, will not extend beyond the walls of your Grand Chapter. During your last convocation, in conversation with a portion of the delegates, on this very subject, there were several methods proposed, which would secure the objects we have in view, and I hope, that at this meeting, some scheme will be suggested, which may be found worthy of your adoption.

I cannot congratulate you on any accessions to the number of Chapters in our State during the past year. Since we last met, the clouds which were then threatening our commercial horizon, have burst, and in consequence of the depression of business, and the occupation of the panic-stricken minds of our citizens, Masonry has necessarily languished throughout the whole country. Not languished in deeds of Charity and Mercy! for could the unwritten history of Masonic deeds be unfolded, it would show that, in that period of hunger, want, and wretchedness, invariably attendant upon commercial revulsions, the divine precept "to feed the hungry, and clothe the naked," has been faithfully obeyed by the Masonic Fraternity. Far from the great commercial emporiums of our country, we can form but a faint idea of the terrible distress consequent upon a

sudden pressure in the money market, and suspension of business. But the slightest inconvenience is felt by us, compared to the distress experienced in our large cities, when thousands of operatives are suddenly deprived of work, and cast off to suffer, and in many instances, to die of cold and hunger. But suffering humanity never appeals to Masonry in vain—the Mason's heart and hand are always open to sympathise with the distressed and to relieve their wants. So may it ever be! When God sees fit to arrest the business prosperity of our country, or visits in anger, his erring children, with the "pestilence that walketh in darkness," may the principle which Masonry inculcates, in the days of prosperity, be of practical benefit to the world in the hour of trouble, and the Brethren of the Mystic Tie be ever found laboring in fields of usefulness and honor, and be ever ready to "succour, defend and protect the innocent, the distressed and the helpless."

In obedience to a resolution of the last Grand Convocation, requiring me to take the necessary steps towards arresting the Charters of Cyrus Chapter No. 21, and Warrenton Chapter No. 9, I had a conference with your Deputy Grand High Priest, and requested him, on his return home, to take possession of the Charter of Cyrus Chapter, unless, in his judgment, circumstances should warrant a more lenient course. I wrote to Companion P. H. Joyner, of Warrenton, making inquiries in regard to the situation, property, &c., of Warrenton Chapter, and the prospect of its revival. He informs me that the Chapter went down in consequence of the death and removal of most of its members; that the Blue Lodge had also ceased to work, and the Lodge buildings had been sold under the hammer for debt. He says that the condition of the Chapter is a hopeless one, and under the present state of circumstances, there is no prospect of its revival; it had no property or jewels, and when at work, used the jewels of the Blue Lodge. On the receipt of Companion Joyner's letter, I immediately wrote him again, requesting him to take possession of its Charter and send it to me. No communication has since been received from him.

An evil which, it strikes me, requires correction at your hands, is the mode of representation of Subordinate Chapters by Proxies, who are not members of the Chapter they represent. It is impossible that a Proxy appointed at the last moment, in many instances receiving his authority to act during the session of your Grand Body, and totally unacquainted with the locality or wants of the Chapter he represents, can vote understandingly on many questions which come up before you, or feel that interest which would be felt by delegated members of the Chapters thus represented.

The source of the evil lies in the fact that many of our Chapters are poor, and in a majority of cases, their treasuries are empty; hence, unless some member is willing to attend the Grand Chapter as a delegate, at his own expense, a number of our Chapters are compelled to rely upon Proxies, or to remain unrepresented. Although taxation is generally received with repugnance, it appears to me, that it would be far better for all that each subordinate Chapter should be taxed according to the number of its members, for the purpose of constituting a Representative Fund, and that the expenses of one Delegate from each Chapter should be paid by the Grand Chapter from that fund. By this means, you would insure to yourselves a full delegation at each meeting, interest in Masonry would be revived, and legislation would be conducted by those who of right should do it. Your Body would consist of members from all parts of the State, new acquaintances would be made, new friendships formed, and the cement of Brotherly Love, would be more widely spread. I do not recommend this or any other measure in relation to this matter, but merely make these suggestions for the purpose of bringing the subject before you.

In looking around, Companions, in search of those familiar faces that I have been accustomed to hail with pleasure at every convocation of this Grand Chapter, I seek

in vain for one, the warm grasp of whose hand, and whose kindly welcome, were always among the first to greet me on my arrival in Wilmington. Since we last met, he has been gathered to his Fathers, and the places that knew him once, now know him no more. Although we deeply mourn his loss, we mourn not as those without hope, for in all the relations of life, he nobly discharged his duty, and now that he is called from his labours, and his work is presented to be tested by the Grand Overseer's Square, may it be found suitable to adorn the everlasting Temple of Jehovah. I allude to our deceased Companion, Talcott Burr, Jr., who, from the first convocation after the organization of this Grand Chapter, was ever found ready to contribute, by his presence and talents, to the advancement, dignity and honor of this Grand Body. The fraternal chain is broken, and the grave has shut him from our sight—but his memory is precious and it will ever live in his virtues. He rests in that purer and better world, where all of us, sooner or later,

"Shall meet upon the level, but never thence depart.
"There 's a mansion, 'tis all ready for each trusting, faithful heart;
"There 's a mansion, and a welcome, and a multitude is there,
"Who have met upon the level and been tried upon the square."

In a few hours, Companions, I shall cease to be your Presiding Officer: and while my heart is overflowing with sentiments of gratitude, for the many acts of kindness and forbearance extended towards me by you, my tongue can find no words adequate to express them; but, before saying farewell—that hardest word to speak to those we love—permit me again to reiterate and to urge upon you the importance of a strict obedience to, and dissemination of, the resolutions and edicts of this Grand Body among your subordinates. I know that the Grand Chapter discharges its duty in supplying each Chapter with printed copies of its proceedings, but I am afraid the fault lies in the Presiding Officers of the Chapters, who fail, in many instances, to read them, or if they read them at all, fail to carry out its instructions. I cannot resist the conclusion that, in political, moral and social life, the rulers are in a great measure responsible for the errors of the governed, and that a dreadful responsibility rests on those, possessing light and knowledge, who do not use every effort rightly to dispense it among the less fortunate and enlightened of their brethren. It is a settled principle in political economy, that in proportion to the enlightenment and education of the people, will be the advancement and prosperity of the country. Fully impressed with the truth of these principles, in their application to Masonry, let me urge upon those whom, on account of their superior masonic knowledge, their companions select to preside over them, to be duly impressed with the responsibility of their station, and to endeavor, by precept and example, to propagate the genuine principles of our institution. Let them feel not only ready, but bound to instruct those whom they exalt; then, instead of beholding a blind and ignorant attachment to symbols, you would see every Royal Arch Mason acting from principle, and seeking incentives and examples from the pages of masonic history. Adhering to these principles, they would revere in them the grandeur of their authority, and the human affections they have sheltered and nurtured.

I have been induced to make these remarks, by observing, with the deepest regret, the many instances in which we legislate in vain. I will only call your attention to one. The following resolution was passed at your convocation in 1856: "*Resolved*, That each Chapter be and is hereby required to have a lecture delivered by some one of their Companions before it—if practicable—upon the subject of Masonic Law and Obligation, as well as the General Duties of a Royal Arch Mason." How many, think you, have obeyed this requirement? I had hoped, in the passage of this resolution, that a new era had dawned upon Royal Arch Masonry under our jurisdiction; that in

listening to the information necessarily acquired in the preparation of these lectures, many of our Companions who have not the time or opportunity to study for themselves, would learn that there was something more in Masonry than the mere Ritual, and that all of us, being instructed in the history, principles and aims of our noble institution, would be continually reminded of those high and sacred duties, which we are bound by the most solemn ties to discharge to God, to the world, and to each other.

In conclusion, Companions, permit me again to thank you for the many evidences of your confidence and esteem, and to assure you, that although my successor in office may bring to the discharge of its duties a greater knowledge and ability—none can feel a more earnest desire to benefit or exalt our institution: and with a deep thankfulness for the harmony and good feeling which has characterized my administration, and with a hope that the past may be but the foreshadowing of a more glorious future, I bid you, in my official capacity, a most affectionate farewell.

On motion of Comp'n Fanning, it was

Resolved, That the Address of our M. E. G. H. Priest be received and spread upon the minutes: and that it be referred to a Special Committee for the disposal of its several subjects.

Committee—Comp'ns A. Martin, P. G. H. P., Calvin Cox, and O. L. Fillyaw.

A communication was received from Concord Chapter, No. 1, and St. John's Lodge, No. 1, inviting the Grand Chapter to participate in an excursion, and requesting them to appoint a day which will suit their convenience.

On motion of Comp'n Murdock, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered to Concord Chapter, No. 1, and St. John's Lodge, No. 1, and that we accept of their invitation for Thursday morning next.

On motion of Comp'n Rankin, it was

Resolved, That the election of Officers of this Grand Chapter, for the ensuing year, be the special order for to-morrow afternoon, at four o'clock.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Work make their report, and exemplify the same to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter then called from labor to refreshment until this afternoon, at three o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY EVENING, 3 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Present—Officers and members as this morning.

Comp'ns—Geo. H. Makepeace, H. C. Lucas, Benj. F. Cobb, M. McInnis, and L. C. Turner.

The Committee on binding presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted, and the Committee continued.

Report of the Committee on Binding.—The undersigned, continued by the last Grand Convocation, as a Committee on Binding, has performed that duty, and herewith presents all the accumulated proceedings of sister Grand Chapters, for the use of this Grand Chapter, bound in proper form.

P. W. FANNING, *Committee.*

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence read the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina:

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, beg leave to report, that since our last Convocation the Proceedings of the Grand Chapters hereinafter noted have been placed in their hands; they have perused them with a desire only to cull from them and report upon those questions of interest to the Craft; to make only a business and practical review, touching only those points which may tend to correct error, or establish such unsettled matters as they might find a subject of inquiry or controversy: thus avoiding the transceuding of the limits to which they think they are prescribed by their appointment. They are pleased to observe the general prosperity distinguishing the Royal Craft throughout the United States; but this pleasure is mingled with some alloy, in noticing the disposition to censure, on the part of some of our Sister Grand Chapters, those who may be inclined to differ with them in opinion. First in order, and among the first in talent is our Sister Grand Chapter of

MAINE.—This Body met in Annual Convocation, at Portland, on 4th May, 1857. The Reports of the M. E. G. H. P. and of the Committee of Foreign Correspondeuce, are able, and show the able Heads governing, as well as the ready pens wielded by the Companions of that State. A decision of the Grand High Priest, during recess, affirming the propriety of "transacting business when the Chapter was open, in the Mark Master's Degree," was overruled by the Grand Chapter and a resolution adopted, that all balloting for candidates for Degrees or Membership, shall be had in the Seventh Degree. This decision of the Grand Chapter is, we believe, in strict conformity with Masonic custom and usage.

The Report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, is a lengthy, but able document, largely, as might be anticipated from the "Defenders of the General Grand

Chapter," devoted to the proceedings and doings of the last General Grand Convocation, and abounds in copious extracts from other Grand Chapters, bearing upon the action of that Body. This feature characterizes most of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, as most naturally it should, from the fact of their assemblage so soon after the last triennial session. All seem to agree that it was a "session of great interest, drawing together a fine array of literary and Masonic talent, to enjoy a full flow of fraternal feeling," and this flow would seem to content our companions of Maine, even if they were not believers in the good to be derived from the *action* of the General Grand Chapter. The Committee approve of the resolve of the General Grand Chapter, in allowing an appeal from the decision of the M. E. G. G. H. P., but prohibiting it in subordinates. Your Committee are of opinion that there is but one course in true Masonry: that its laws are unchangeable and bear with equal force on assemblages of Masons by whatsoever title called. From a Lodge of Entered Apprentices to a *Great* General Grand Chapter, if such an institution could exist, the *powers* of the presiding officer are the same: and with some of our Companions of other States, we believe that the mere prefixing of one, two, or even three G.'s cannot change those powers.

Vermont.—This Grand Chapter convened at Montpelier, 13th May, 1857. The address of the Grand High Priest is principally devoted to the amendments proposed to the Constitutions of the General Grand Chapter and of his own Body. Companion P. C. Tucker was again re-elected Grand High Priest, notwithstanding his earnest desire to retire; his Masonic reputation belongs to the Craft, and his services could not well be spared.

The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence was short, and as intended, was a business like document; they dissent from the views expressed by North Carolina, as to non-affiliated Companions, and submit this question to us.

"Are our duties such, that we are compelled to receive as visitors, or extend the "benefits pertaining to the Royal Arch Degree, to any other than *worthy* Companions, "and if they consider those worthy who persistently neglect to attend our meetings, "or bear their part of the trifling charge that may be levied as dues, for long periods "of time?"

Are not our Companions of Vermont too fast in thus denouncing as *unworthy* the class of Masons to which they allude, and we in turn submit this question: Are not our duties and obligations such as to require us to receive and consider all Royal Arch Masons as worthy, until they are pronounced *unworthy* by competent authority, and then only after fair trial and regular suspension or expulsion?

Connecticut.—This Grand Body convened in Hartford on 12th May, 1857. The address of the M. E. G. H. Priest is short, and principally calls attention to the proposed amendments of the General Grand Chapter. The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is too lengthy, and embraces at large the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter. The action of that Body relative to the Past Master's Degree, does not meet with their approval. The following report from a Special Committee, to whom this degree was referred, was adopted:

"That, inasmuch as the General Grand Chapter has declared that it has no authority "to strike the Past Master's Degree from the list of Constitutional Degrees, it is our "decided opinion that, that M. E. Body has no better right to mutilate that, or any other "degree by curtailing any of its peculiar beauties or prominent parts. Your Commit-"tee would therefore recommend that no action be had in reference to the said Degree, "and that each Subordinate Chapter be left to confer it in accordance with ancient and "long cherished usage."

So say we; and this is another instance of a positive evil arising from the want of decisive action, so characteristic of the "Great Head," and we shall soon witness this

Degree conferred in one State, with the mere ceremonies appertaining to the Oriental Chair; in another, in accordance "with ancient and long cherished usage;" and still in another, a wider latitude observed, and the Degree be conferred with all the additions that the fancy of Companions may conceive.

Massachusetts.—From this, our Sister Grand Chapter, we have no report; this we have deep cause to regret, for from the soil of Massachusetts has sprung many bright and enlightened Masons, whose talents have not been confined to their own borders, but whose works and acts have spread light from its far "East" to darker portions of the world. Masonry is a diamond and our Companions of Massachusetts understand well the application of the chisel in bringing into prominent view its latent beauty.

New Hampshire and Rhode Island.—From these States we are not in receipt of their Proceedings, and are consequently in the dark, as to their Masonic doings.

New York.—The Grand Chapter of the Empire State met in Albany on the 3d February, 1857. From their Proceedings, we learn, that notwithstanding the *failure* of the General Grand Chapter to determine on any specific mode of work, they are determined to establish it, and maintain it in their own jurisdiction.

Pennsylvania.—From this Grand Chaper we have no Report, and believe that our Companions of this State do not exchange with or publish their Proceedings to the world. The Committee of Correspondence for Vermont, however, acknowledge the receipt of a document, purporting to be a report of their Committee, mainly occupied, they observe, with a defence of their system of non-intercommunication, a defence considered by them, as commending itself strongly to them, "believing that the Grand Chapters are spreading before the world many things that should be confined within the walls of their own Temple." A careful perusal of many of the Proceedings, will substantiate the views of that Committee upon this point.

Delaware, we believe, is now the only Atlantic State having no Grand Chapter Organized.

New Jersey.—A Grand Chapter was organized in this State on the 30th December, 1856, and we acknowledge the receipt of their Proceedings of Organization, and of a Convocation held at Eatontown on the 9th September, 1857. The Grand Chapter was organized under letters patent issued from the hands of the General Grand High Priest, and requiring it to become "subordinate to and under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter." We are under the impression that the *power* existed in the *body* itself, to receive Grand Chapters under its jurisdictions. We welcome her into the ranks and extend to her the right hand of fellowship.

Maryland and District of Columbia.—The Grand Chapters of these united jurisdictions, met in annual session in the City of Washington, on the 9th day of November, 1857. The report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence is from the able pen of one well known in Masonry, Companion B. B. French; it is an able document, enunciating much sound Masonic doctrine, and as might have been anticipated from the General Grand Secretary, somewhat devoted to a defence of the General Grand Chapter. The action of the Grand Chapters of Kentucky and North Carolina in dissolving their allegiance to the General Grand Body is commented upon, and as far as Kentucky is concerned, criticised in no very amiable spirit. Having already fully discussed the subject, as regards Kentucky, they are satisfied merely to announce the fact and to publish simply the resolution of withdrawal of our Grand Chapter. Our reasons for withdrawal are not combatted, not even alluded to, and we are constrained to believe them incontrovertible, at least they are satisfactory to us. We claim for North Carolina, Kentucky, and other Grand Chapters, a supreme power, a sovereign power,

to which all subordinates owing allegiance, are bound to pay due obedience; nor do we fear that the refusal of a Grand Body to yield that sovereignty, will have any effect on her subordinates, other than to strengthen their love for their immediate rulers, for now law can be adjusted, justice speedily administered, errors carefully corrected, and work established, without awaiting the uncertain, indecisive, tardy action arising from the "triennial flow of fraternal feeling."

An allusion to the fact of Royal Arch Masons being "under a solemn obligation" to support the General Grand Constitution, conveys by implication a censure upon those who may withdraw, and may serve to entrap the unwary, or those who may not be familiar with the Masonic Law. We might, if we deemed it proper, or profitable, enter into a full explanation of the position of the Royal Arch Masons, of North Carolina upon this point, but will content ourselves with saying, that the citizens of North Carolina at large, are celebrated for their strict adherence to obligations, and are proud of their proverbial character for honesty and integrity. Royal Arch Masons of North Carolina, are but citizens of the State, selected and admitted within our portals, as being well worthy of the name of North Carolinians, and will be the last to swerve from a conscientious discharge of Masonic duty or obligations; the last to submit to duties and obligations forced upon them as Masonic, and which they conscientiously believe are innovations, *recently* incorporated upon the Masonic Body. The *Supreme Head* of Royal Arch Masonry in North Carolina, believing the General Grand Chapter itself to be an innovation, has withdrawn her allegiance, and no one acquainted with Masonic law and traditions, will contend that an obligation to support that which is pronounced by, to them competent authority, as not a part and parcel of Royal Arch Masonry, is binding upon the hearts and consciences of Masons. Why, the General Grand Chapter herself has made *changes*, curtailing, in some degree, the obligations of Masonry, and thus relieving their subordinates from their binding force; if not, Masons made at one time, would have different duties to perform, from those made at another. We could enlarge upon this point, were it desirable to enter into particulars, or proper to place what we might say in print.

We quote, with regret, the following passages from the report:

"What the result of this action of the Grand Chapters of North Carolina and that "of Kentucky, heretofore referred to, is to be, as regards the G. G. Chapter and those "Grand Chapters still acknowledging their allegiance, remains to be seen. Your Com-"mittee are not prepared to submit any opinion here, nor do they know that any is neces-"sary." "The military code, we believe is, that when a regiment deserts its colors, those "who remain loyal become at once its enemies. Whether this rule is to be applied to "Royal Arch Masonry, or not, is a question your Committee will not undertake to solve."

The only reason we can assign for the Committees' not undertaking to solve this question, is that they were too intelligent *not* to know that such a code bears no affinity to any of the principles of Free Masonry; but why introduce such propositions into Masonry? In days of yore, the true test of a Mason was, is he true and faithful? If so, he received full wages, and all the rewards to which, by his skill and fidelity, he was entitled; and a Craftsman was never required to give evidence of his faithfulness, by acknowledging allegiance to a *power* greater than our First Grand Master. So we, like them, are willing to pay due obedience to our Grand Master, but not to a "Great Head," to which, as yet, the most inquisitive antiquarian has not found a likeness. We bow with submission to those teachings descended from the Year of Light—not to the Creations and Edicts of 1798. We have said that we have made the quotations with regret; not that we look upon them as threats, but from the Anti-Masonic spirit which they breathe. If this doctrine *intimated*, not clearly announced, be true Masonry, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Florida, would long since have been made to feel the pen-

alty of refusing obedience; if it be true Masonry; if it be that Charity so strongly inculcated by our Order, we desire to have our name struck from the records; but we charitably hope, that the intimation thus thrown out to the Masonic world, will never find a resting place in the heart of any man who reveres the name of Mason: and trust that it proceeded from an over zeal, for the continuance of an Institution which the same Committee were constrained to bear witness of its want of ability to accomplish its great and desired end.

Virginia.—The Grand Chapter of Virginia convened in annual meeting at Richmond, on the 17th December, 1857. From our Companions of this State we always look for something good in Masonry, and we apply to their proceedings, the language applied by them to those of the various Grand Chapters, and feel assured that, but "few could peruse them without rising from the task better men and better Masons."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, review with calmness, and that dignity so characteristic of the true Mason, the position of the several Grand Chapters towards the General Grand Chapter; and in view of the growing dissatisfaction to that Body, they give due commendation to the spirit of improvement in the tone and temper of the various Committees charged to report upon the acts of sister Grand Chapters, remarking that "The time has arrived which will test, to the utmost, the Faith that is in "us, whether we are of the true household, or bear only the name, having nothing of "the spirit of Masons."

Virginia not being of the General Grand Chapter, but having always continued an Independent Body, it was to be expected that the course of Kentucky and North Carolina, in assuming their proper independent position, would meet with her approval, but we were not prepared for so cordial a welcome, or that she would furnish arguments so convincing and fully justifying the course we have thought proper to pursue: and though she has said enough, she has not said all. We quote what they term "one or two simple propositions" submitted by them:

"In our opinion, North Carolina and Kentucky are sustained in the course they have "adopted by the recognized fundamental principles, governing all *Grand* Masonic Or-"ganizations: that being sovereign Masonic Bodies, they possess inherent, indefeasible "and inalienable rights and prerogatives, and have duties to perform pertaining there-"to, which they could not yield, nor could they place themselves, or remain in a situa-"tion, with a due regard to the responsibilities resting upon them as Grand Chapters "by which they might be deprived of either, in whole or in part. That having made "themselves dependent upon a Body with no *ancient recognized Masonic power* or priv-"ileges, beyond those they themselves possess, thereby compromising and abridging "their inalienable rights, they have now, by the act of withdrawal, placed themselves "in their true and lawful position, and assumed the discharge of those duties which their "Organization requires."

These propositions meet with our approval, and we think, are a full, complete and simple answer to the question often mooted, as to the *right* of a subordinate Grand Chapter to withdraw from the General Grand Chapter. The question with us is, (and one from the tenacity with which the defenders of the General Grand Body adhere to it, excites astonishment in our mind,) from what ancient recognized Right is the Power derived, to place a sovereign Grand Body in a position subordinate to a Power, created within the memory of men now living, and having in itself no claims to that antiquity of which Masons so proudly boast?

Kentucky.—The Grand Chapter of Kentucky met at Lexington, on the 12th day of October, 1857. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is a business document. The proceedings of North Carolina, for June, 1857, had not been received, yet in one important point, their action was in accordance with that of North Carolina.

They by Resolution withdraw their allegiance from the General Grand Chapter; their reasons are set forth in the address of the most Excellent Grand High Priest, who attended the triennial convocation as the representative of Kentucky. He says: "I candidly confess I was disappointed in every particular. Although composed of some of "the most talented men and best Masons in the Union, there was nothing done calcu-"lated to benefit Royal Arch Masonry, and I recommend this Grand Chapter to dis-"solve her connection with that Body. No good can result from continuing the con-"nection, and in my judgment the time will soon arrive when the State Grand Chap-"ters will be taxed to support the General Grand Chapter, as she now has very few "sources of revenue—there being Grand Chapters in almost every State in the Union. "Some of the members of the General Grand Chapter insisted that a general system "of work had been adopted by that Body in 1850. I witnessed an exemplification of "the work said to be adopted by Comp'n Lovell, of Boston, and it fell far short, in "beauty and sublimity, of the work usually done by the subordinate Chapters, in any "portion of the State of Kentucky ever visited by me, and I feel satisfied that the Grand "Chapter of Kentucky would retire from the General Grand Chapter, before she would "be compelled to adopt such a system." The divesting of the Past Master's degree of many of its important ceremonies and lessons, meets with the disapproval of the Grand High Priest.

South Carolina.—The Grand Chapter of our sister Carolina convened in Charleston on the 9th February, 1858. M. E. Companion A. M. Mackey, presiding. The business transacted was principally of a local character, and considerable time, no doubt, profitably employed in the exemplification of the work. Resolutions were introduced and adopted, sustaining the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and regretting that any of the Grand Chapters had dissolved their connection, or counselled a discontinuance of its triennial session.

Georgia.—The Grand Chapter of Georgia was held in the City of Augusta, on the 29th April, 1857. There is no report from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence. The sentiments expressed in the address of the M. E. High Priest, as to the use of the *black ball*, meets our approbation, for we fear, that in other localities besides Georgia, the following extract may with truth be applied: "The march of Royal Arch Masonry "in our borders is onward; yet *darkness*, has not been made *light*., nor *crooked* things "straight, while many have been led in paths they should *not* have known."

Our Grand Chapter has long tried to impress on her subordinates, that the strength of Masonry does not consist in numbers, but in the internal qualifications of the *man*, and it is worthy of remark, that those Chapters, or Lodges, which are few in number, retained so by the free use of the black ball, are more zealous, exercise more influence, and possess, to a greater degree, the true spirit of Masonry.

The M. E. G. H. P. attended the late session of the General Grand Chapter; approves of some of the acts of the General Grand Body, and reports the failure of establishing an uniform mode of work; but on this point we will let him speak for himself. He says:

"The mooted points, whether that Body had established a system of work, was set-"tled by resolving that, they having failed to establish any specific work, they recom-"mended to the officers of the Grand Chapters, to make themselves acquainted with "the ancient work of the Order, and disseminate it among their subordinates; and "where are we to obtain this ancient work? one will say. Lo! here it is! or there! "Shall we believe it? 'There is false work and there are false teachers,' and where "shall we see the sign in our R. A. Sky? The General Grand Chapter has, by their "own confession, proven recreant to their duty, in this, the main subject of vital im-

"portance to the Order; and if incompetent, or powerless, for such a desideratum, may "it not be enquired as to their future existence, 'Cui Bono.'"

The special Committee to whom this address was referred, reported that they were inclined to report in favor of withdrawal of the Grand Chapter of Georgia, yet indulging a hope that their labors at the next triennial session, would be more successful, they decided as North Carolina did, to give them another trial.

A suggestion was made by the Grand High Priest as to securing an Uniform Mode of Work, and we doubt not, had there not been in existence a "Head," upon whom this duty devolved, efforts would have long since been made, and perhaps the object carried to the consummation so ardently desired; but of this, time alone could have decided. Uniformity of Work is considered a great desideratum in Masonry, and for the accomplishment of this, he suggests a convention of delegates, clothed with ample power to agree upon and adopt a system, binding and imperative, as soon as decided upon, and not to be referred to the several Grand Chapters for approval. Your Committee are not fully prepared to enter into an investigation of the plan proposed, nor do they suppose, in the present condition of Royal Arch Masonry, that it could be carried to a successful termination, for there is a Power greater than was even King Solomon, by whose edict issued triennially, the work of the most learned, and the most approved, might be set aside, to establish that which may be considered "contrary to and subversive of the Ancient "Land Marks."

Florida, convened in annual Convocation, at Tallahassee, on the 11th January, 1858. The Committee of Foreign Correspondence review the action of the General Grand Chapter, in their efforts to remove the impediments existing to the Union of that Grand Chapter with the General Grand Body; they do not discuss, but simply set forth the requirements of that Body, which they say was "so indignantly, but in no spirit of umbrage rejected." When the application of Florida was first made to the General Grand Chapter, our Grand Chapter alluded to these requirements, and took the occasion to express her dissent to the un-Masonic restrictions sought to be imposed on Florida. In view of the very generally expressed dissatisfaction now pervading most of her sister Grand Chapters, and the action of others in withdrawing, she declines to enter the door left open for her at the last triennial session, and decides to remain an Independent Body.

Florida approves the "abridgment" of the Past Master's degree, and publishes a formula recently prepared by Companion A. G. Mackey, of South Carolina, for the use of her subordinates, in conferring this degree, which was formally adopted by them and now stands, we presume, within her borders, as a part of the ancient usage appertaining to it.

The great diversity of opinion existing as to the Past Master's degree, might well tend to lead to confusion; with some, it is a bantling to be kicked about at pleasure, with others it is not a Constitutional Degree, and is only intended to be conferred upon those who have been elected to preside over a Master Mason's Lodge. With others, again, it is a Constitutional Degree, to be conferred with all the ancient and cherished usages. We are of the latter; its lessons teach us its importance, not only to those who may be appointed to preside, but to those who may be admitted to walk in rugged paths, or permitted to witness the higher and exalted beauties of Masonry, as brought to light in the Royal Arch Degree.

Alabama.—The regular annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in Montgomery, on the 8th December, 1857. We observe no report from the Committee of Correspondence; but the eloquent address of the M. E. G. H. Priest we have read with pleasure. The Special Committee to whom it was referred, reported as to the Past Master's Degree, that in their opinion, it was "no more than an installation cere-

mony of the Master, and ought not to belong to the Chapter Degrees;" the same, they say, may be said of the "Mark and Most Excellent Degrees," and they recommend that these Degrees be "referred to the Committee of Foreign Correspondence, to be examined and carefully reported upon at their next Convocation." Your Committee make a note of this disposition of their Companions of Alabama, to go back to first principles and take these Degrees from the descendants of Haggai, restoring them, perhaps, to their original position, under the jurisdiction of those who wear the mantle of King Solomon.

Mississippi.—From Mississippi we have the Proceedings of their Grand Chapter, which convened at Jackson, on the 12th January, 1857; they are very voluminous and we notice the un-Masonic practice, long since, as we thought, exploded, of moving to "lay on the table," still exists in that State. The Order is in prosperous condition with them, and there appears, from the report of the Most Excellent, to be room for but few new subordinates. We also have a circular announcing the officers elected at their annual Convocation, in January, 1858, the printed Proceedings not having as yet been received.

Louisiana.—The Grand Convocation of this Grand Chapter, convened in New Orleans, on the 9th February, 1858. The Committee of Foreign Correspondence observes that the Proceedings of our State are usually among the most interesting, but they fall into a most lamentable error, in ascribing to the Report of our Worthy Most Excellent the withdrawal of our Grand Chapter. It is true, he was an eye witness to the doings of that August Body, in Hartford, but corroborated as he is by most of his cotemporaries, it is evident he did not see with a "jaundiced eye," or entirely "upon the dark side," as our Companions of Maryland would have us believe, and his report only confirmed our Grand Chapter in its previous entertained opinion of the non-utility of the "General Grand Head." Nor did his report, as asserted by our Companions of Louisiana, result in displacing our Worthy Companion P. W. Fanning from the Committee of Foreign Correspondence. Nothing bearing so near an affinity to the political customs of the day is permitted to enter into the Royal Arch Councils of North Carolina; the mere mention of it is an act of injustice to our Grand Chapter, and to one whom the Fraternity of North Carolina delights to honor for his integrity and inflexible zeal in the cause of our time-honored institution.

Uniformity of Work claims the attention of this, as it has of other Committees, and from the mass of matter furnished, we shall involuntarily find ourselves convinced that Uniformity is not attainable, and in fact perfectly useless; but your Committee are constrained to come to a different conclusion, and believe that it is attainable, and that once the true work being established, it will spread from State to State, and in a short time, the Companion of one, visiting the Chapter of another, would not be made to witness the Degrees marred of their beauty and sublimity.

Their Committee do not view with pleasure the action of North Carolina and Kentucky, and other Grand Chapters, who dare to exercise the right to differ with them as to the utility of the General Grand Chapter. We quote the following, more as a specimen of their feeling, and style of argument, in their endeavors to convince their Companions of Error.

"The action of the Grand Chapters of North Carolina and Kentucky, and the dis-
"paraging remarks from those jurisdictions and others, unworthy in our estimation of
"the Companions making them * * * The objections made against the General
"Grand Chapters by its revilers are various * * * * * That concerning its fail-
"ure to establish a Uniformity of Work, we can hardly deem sincere" * * * *

Now, unworthy, revilers, and a want of sincerity, are harsh terms to apply to Companions Royal Arch Masons, because they cannot see with the Magnifying Glasses

of our Companions of Louisiana, and are not up to our standard of Masonic Charity, in fact, is not admitted in our Masonic vocabulary, when we speak of our equals. The Committee assume strong ground against the *right* of a Grand Chapter to withdraw, and place in prominent view the obligation to support the Constitution and Edicts of the General Grand Chapter. As to our *right*, the simple propositions of Virginia introduced into this report, is sufficient answer, as to the *obligation* we have already spoken; but the instance they propose is unfortunate for their position. "A Companion," they say, "cannot dissolve his connection with a Chapter, without forfeiting his right, as a Royal Arch Mason." This is new doctrine to us. In our experience of Masonic life, we have frequently witnessed the act suggested by the Committee, and have yet to learn that a Royal Arch Mason, in dissevering his connection with his Chapter, lost the "right" of a Royal Arch Mason. True, he voluntarily relinquishes membership, it is all he loses, and this is all that North Carolina can lose by dissolving her membership in the General Grand Chapter, and this she does of her own free will and accord. The Committee, as an illustration and matter of history, recite the "leading features" of a case occurring in their own jurisdiction, as follows:

"A Grand Chapter was formed in the State of Louisiana, in the year 1813, by the "Delegates of certain Chapters, holding Charters under the Grand Chapters of Penn-"sylvania, generally acknowledged, we believe, to have existed as a Grand Chapter be-"fore the General Grand Chapter, or any other State Grand Chapter. By resolution, "passed in 1829, the Grand Chapter of Louisiana united with the General Grand Chapter "and was represented therein, at its triennial Convocation, in September, of that year. "Subsequently, by a resolution similar to the one of North Carolina, it withdrew, and "commanded its subordinates to pay no longer any regard to the behests of the Gen-"eral Grand Chapter. One Chapter, (Holland, No. 9, now Orleans, No. 1,) refused to "obey the Grand Chapter of Louisiana: and on its refusal, the High Priest and Sec-"retary were expelled and its Charter declared forfeited. From this sentence, the "Secretary took an appeal to the General Grand Chapter, which Body, at its triennial "session in 1844, declared that the Grand Chapter of Louisiana had become extinct "by its own act: and that Holland Chapter, No. 9, by its refusal to submit to an ex-"tinct Organization, (and being the sole one refusing,) was the only regular Chapter "in Louisiana, and under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter." From this Chapter and others, have sprung the present Grand Chapter of Louisiana, organized in 1848.

We have quoted the above to show to what extent the General Grand Chapter has, and might again stretch its powers, and the dangerous tendency of such an assumption of power; with equal propriety might that Body claim sole legislative jurisdiction for, and over all Grand Chapters, making them but the medium for the transmission of their edicts to their respective subordinates. Possessing powers "only delegated," as admitted by them in 1856, its friends claim for it the *right*, once exercised, of destroying one or more of the Sovereign Grand Chapters forming a part of the whole source from whence, by its own resolution, it derives "*all its powers* by grant and delegation." Again, in aiding and abetting a subordinate Chapter in its refusal to obey the edicts of its own Grand Chapter, and declaring Holland Chapter No. 9, the only regular Chapter in Louisiana, it interfered with the sovereignty of Louisiana, and exercised a power not granted or delegated, which, if submitted to in 1844, would not be tolerated in 1858. That it then exercised power not delegated, will plainly appear, from the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter of 1856, from which we make the following extract:

"Comp'n Tucker, of Vermont, rose to present the proceedings of a Body calling "itself Ancient Chapter No. 1, of New York, complaining of the Grand Chapter of

"New York, when, on motion of Comp'n Mackey, of South Carolina, it was *Resolved*, "That the General Grand Chapter cannot record any document purporting to be a "complaint against a Grand Chapter." New York had long contended for this principle and congratulated herself that it was thus correctly decided.

But, says the Committee, "the attempt has been made, with apparent seriousness, to prove that the General Grand Chapter is the creature of the State Grand Chapters." Let the records speak, and they will show that this position, (which our Grand Chapter maintains,) is correct, and is fully endorsed by the following resolution of the General Grand Body, in 1856.

"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Royal Arch Chapter derives all its powers by "grant and delegation, from the respective Grand Royal Arch Chapters."

Can any thing be more clear? And can it with seriousness, real or apparent, be longer contended, that Grand Chapters are the Creatures of a Power by themselves created?

It is idle to talk of a Sovereign Grand Chapter "extinguishing itself," by the mere act of withdrawal, or "becoming liable to be no longer recognized as a Masonic Body." Nor are we believers, in the *right* of the General Grand Chapter to declare the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, or of any other State, extinct. It is true, it may pass an edict of excommunication, but it will be of no binding force, except upon those who, in their zeal, may overlook the true principles of Masonry, and *choose* to obey an unlawful edict.

The whole article upon the General Grand Chapter, reported by the Committee of Louisiana, is filled with unsound and untenable doctrines, which, to use the often repeated language, is "Subversive of the Ancient Land Marks of Masonry." Companions of Louisiana go back to the Entered Apprentice degree, learn again its lesson of Charity. Apply this lesson in your construction of Ancient Masonic Law, and we venture to assert, that you will not consider your Companions of Kentucky, Texas, North Carolina, and others, as unworthy revilers, or insincere. We speak for North Carolina, and say that in pronouncing the General Grand Chapter as useless, she has not reviled it; in dissevering her connection with it, she has not made herself, or the Companions under her unworthy, and in all her actions, she has evinced sincerity. Nor can you, by the application of such terms, "hope the second sober thought will prove the better one," but, let our arguments be met by argument; our reasons with reason, then if you can convince us of error, "we may send" delegates to meet you in General Grand Chapter.

One more extract from the proceedings of this State, and we are done. Our Companions, of Louisiana, are among the many believers in the great benefits to Masonry derived from the tri-ennial flow of good feeling among the members of the General Grand Chapter. They say:

"In our social communings with each other, the various topics discussed, tend, in "our estimation, to bind us together, as a band of brothers, for the perpetuation of "this Union, and we can but regard these manifestations of dissent, as the promptings "of that too prevalent feeling abroad in the land, of a disregard of the blessings of "the Union of these States, and an insane desire for the dissolution of this nation, and "the blasting of the hope of its founders, the accomplishment of which paracidal de-"design is seen to be, in a great measure, frustrated and prevented by the longer ex-"istence of the General Grand Bodies of Masonry."

Yielding individually to none, in our devotion to the Union, we must, as Masons, avoid comment, and simply express our disapprobation of the introduction into Masonry of subjects bordering so near upon the political topics of the day; with these, Masonry has nothing to do; to her they are unclean, and we deprecate the very men-

tion of them in Lodges, Chapters, or Reports, emanating from Grand Chapters. The mission of Masonry is not "to bind us together as a band of brothers, to perpetuate this Union, or any other patriotic object. Hers is the peaceful mission of teaching Love to God, Duty to your Neighbor, Charity to all Mankind. There is implanted in the breast of man, by the Great "I Am," a Bond, or rather Principle, stronger than Masonry, and when love of country fails, Masonry is powerless.

Arkansas.—We have received the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, convened at Little Rock, on the 30th day of October, 1856, and the 29th October, 1857.

The address of the M. E. High Priest, and of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence for 1856, are very able, and we are, therefore, the more surprised at the sudden descent from true dignity, and the attempt at wit on the part of the Committee, which characterizes their review of the proceedings of our own State for 1855. If the usual acknowledgment of a courtesy, received from the hands of Royal Arch Masons, in 1855, afforded them food for merriment, our action, in 1857, afforded them food for sober reflection. From the proceedings of 1857, we extract from the address of M. E., L. E. Barber, the Grand High Priest. He says:

"Since last we met, the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, by formal resolution of "her own, has withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the G. G. Chapter. The question "too is raised by others: what good has the General Grand Chapter done for Royal "Arch Masonry? I profess no peculiar attachment for the G. G. Chapter, and shall "leave others to answer this pertinent question. Were I called upon to express my "individual opinion, candor and truth would not enable me to answer further than that "suggested at our last convocation: the association, for a limited time, of zealous and "accomplished Masons, from all sections of the country, the interchange of sentiment, "imparting and receiving instruction, and extending the sphere of social Masonic in-"tercourse. I appreciate these as benefits to the whole Masonic fraternity, but further "than this, I can see no peculiar advantage of the General Grand Organization.

"It may be expected that you will express some opinion, either of approval or dis-"approval of the course pursued by our sister of North Carolina, or as to the right, on "her part, thus to sever the connection. For myself, I am not one of those who hold "the supremacy of the General Grand Chapter in such reverence, as to induce me to "condemn any G. Chapter for withdrawing from its jurisdiction, when sufficient cause, "in its own judgment, did exist. But to me an insuperable objection will be found in "the latter portion of Article 2.; title, Miscellaneous Constitution of General Grand "Chapter, unless I could find some provision for it in that instrument."

As North Carolina has ceased "to recognize the jurisdiction" of the General Grand Chapter, we cannot acknowledge any of the Articles of its Constitution as of binding force upon us; and the Article alluded to by our Worthy Most Excellent, of Arkansas, expressly provides for the power to "suspend proceedings of the State Grand Chapters" that may recognise its jurisdiction. The whole question of the *right* to withdraw, turns upon the sovereignty of Grand Chapters. Are they the creations of the General Grand Chapter, made by dispensation or Charter, issued from a Supreme Head, by whose authority alone, they could claim an existence? No. The Grand Chapter of North Carolina came into existence without the consent, or even the knowledge of the General Grand Chapter; and the silence of that General Grand Body, in its Constitution, as to this point, ought to convince the most skeptical that it does not claim the right to retain jurisdiction over those who do not desire or acknowledge her supremacy. If the General Grand Chapter, as is contended by some, was the "source and spring of all Royal Arch Masonic Power," we might justly be considered in a state of revolt; but we cannot frame our mind to acknowledge this supremacy, particularly with such arguments as is furnished us by the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage for the State of Arkan-

sas, for, notwithstanding they are of the number who do not believe the General Grand Chapter to be an useless Body, they feel very certain "that if the General Grand Chap-"ter could be fully acknowledged to possess the powers claimed for it and its presiding "officer, it would come to a sudden end, and that it would not die a day too soon." We do not understand, from the reports of the Committee, whether they approved or disapproved of our action.

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence, for 1857, acknowledge the receipt of but eight Grand Chapters, our own among the number. Of us, they say: "the address "contains many beautiful passages, and fraternal thoughts, but is mainly devoted to "an account of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, as *seen and heard* by "the Grand High Priest. It is apparent, throughout, that the Grand High Priest is a "bitter opponent of the General Grand Chapter, and he does not attempt to conceal it; "and as regards the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, the Grand High Priest was "but the index and feeling of all the members."

That the Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter of North Carolina, are, in one sense of the word, opponents of the General Grand Chapter, we cannot, in candor deny; but that they are *bitter opponents*, we must emphatically deny. Had the Committee of Foreign Correspondence thought proper to quote the report presented by the "Committee upon Abolishment of the General Grand Chapter, the truth of this denial would have been apparent, for this Committee expressly disclaim any idea or desire of tearing down a "Tabernacle" which others might deem it to their interest to sustain, and reported that they could not, as liberal Masons, recommend its abolishment, and only advocated the withdrawal of North Carolina. If we had been very bitter opponents, we should be found ardently engaged in the work of demolition. But our Companions of Arkansas, like many others, are satisfied with publishing our resolution, with one or two reasons. Our true position is not noticed.

The Grand Chapter of Arkansas adopted the majority report of the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, favorable to the propriety of opening Lodges of M. M., P. M., and Most Excellent, for the purpose of conferring degrees upon a candidate previously admitted, without again opening a Royal Arch Chapter. The minority made a decided report against this practice. Your Committee coincide with the views of the minority, and contend with them, that the proper Masonic rule, is to open a Chapter at all meetings, and under the Arch, to open the appendant degrees. A candidate balloted for and admitted, cannot progress from degree to degree, without consent of the Chapter, and tacit permission is given to his advancement, by its authority to open on the inferior degrees, otherwise two or three might pass, and receive a candidate, before the Chapter could have an opportunity to decide as to his proficiency, or act upon any contingency that might arise, previous to his exaltation.

The matter found on page 41, printed proceedings for 1856, of our Sister Grand Chapter of Arkansas, goes far to justify the assertion of our Sister of Pennsylvania, that Grand Chapters are publishing much that should be confined within the walls of their own Temple.

While agreeing fully with the conclusion of the Committee on Masonic Law and Usage, as to the assumption of power of the General Grand Chapter and its departure from the Original plan, we cannot subscribe to their wish, that that Body should be a "Senate," or styled "a Senate." We much fear the disposition abroad to make Masonry conform to the political institutions of the United States, will lead to a spirit of innovation difficult to check. Establish a Masonic Senate, and before many years, we would witness Royal Arch Masonry *inflicted* with a House of Representatives, Judiciary, Executive, Cabinet, and other organizations, not known to ancient Masonic tradition.

Texas.—The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of this State, which convened in Huntsville, on the 22d day of June, 1857, are before us. There is no report from the Committee of Correspondence, but from the address of the M. E. G. H. P., we learn that "all is well," and that nothing has occurred to retard the healthful and onward progress of Masonry in that State. This Grand Chapter, as all others, who had representatives at the General Grand Chapter, at its last session, comment fully upon its action, and a murmur is heard from the "Far West," indicative of dissatisfaction.

The Committee on Grand Officer's reports', regret that from the information they have received from their Grand High Priest, and the published proceedings, that they could find so little of interest or profit to Royal Arch Masonry; and in expressing their gratification at the prevailing social good feeling, they could but believe that it arose from that patriotism and devotion to the liberal institutions of the United States pervading good men everywhere. They reported that they considered the General Grand Chapter a useless and expensive Body, and introduced resolutions expressing the sentiments of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and inviting all Grand Chapters to unite in respectfully and fraternally asking for its dissolution.

Missouri.—This Grand Chapter convened in St. Louis the 20th May, 1857. As to numbers, there is apparent prosperity, but the Grand High Priest, in his address, regrets that the prosperity is not so great as he could desire: "not in numbers and "rapid increase," but in those vital "principles which should animate our Order." We select the following passages from his address, as being well worthy the attention of Masons:

"If advancement in Masonry were denied to every man, until he should become "familiar with the work, in the degrees already received, it might, indeed, diminish "our numbers, but it would, in a greater degree, contribute to the *spirit and moral* "*force* of the Order. This facility of ingress into our inner Temple, and into the "Most Sacred Mysteries of our Order, results still further, in election to office, of ill "constructed and incompetent persons, in whose hands all the interest of their Chap-"ter must suffer. Under the administration of such, no high toned Masonic feeling "can be maintained."

The difference in practice and principles of Royal Arch Masons, as well as the levity indulged in the conferring of degrees, are severely, but properly commented upon.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, extract from the proceedings of Massachusetts, (not in our possession,) the following, on "Masonic Information," and commend it to the Companions of their jurisdiction. It is much to the point, and so well calculated to meet a truly existing evil, that we, as has been done by a previous Committee of this Grand Chapter, spread it at large in our report, hoping that it may carry conviction to every Royal Arch Mason in North Carolina, and result in a determination to amend, in this respect, as we believe such sentiments cannot be too often repeated.

"MASONIC INFORMATION."

"It is really astonishing, and especially so to the old members of the Order, how "few Masons of the present day are acquainted with the Work and Lectures belonging "to the degrees. Thirty years since, it would be difficult to find a Mason who was not "quite familiar with them. Every man, as he advanced from one degree to another, "made it a point to store his mind with all that belonged to them, and he generally "succeeded. But is it so now? Scarcely one man in ten gives special attention to "these things, and consequently Free Masonry is underrated, and suffers in the hands "of its professed friends. A general indifference, on that subject, seems to prevail, "which, of course, subjects to great discouragement, the few who are faithful and ex-"pert, and what is yet worse, it is very difficult to find properly qualified persons to "fill the official chairs. Many of the very best men for office, men who would do honor

"to the institution, are wholly unqualified, so far as the requisite Masonic knowledge "is concerned. This is unhappily the case, at this time, with several of our Chapters, "A few determined individuals are obliged to bear the burthen and heat of the day, "because most of the Companions, even if they come in at the eleventh hour, receive "their penny for one-twelfth part of the labor."

Illinois and Ohio.—We regret that from these, our Sister Grand Chapters, we have not had a communication, and hope that either the much abused mails, or a knowledge of our locality, will soon place us in communication with every Grand Chapter in the United States. Through Wisconsin, we learn that the Grand Chapter of Ohio had arrived at the conclusion, that it was advisable to withdraw from the General Grand Chapter, and had appointed a Committee of nine to devise a plan for withdrawal, and to consult with other Grand Chapters as to its dissolution.

Indiana.—The Grand Chapter of Indiana met at Terre Haute, on 20th May, 1857. The year just closed had been one of prosperity and peace, and from the caution used in selecting material, the increase had been pronounced "healthy." During recess, the Grand High Priest decided, and the Grand Chapter confirmed his decision, that "the Lamb Skin, or White Apron, trimmed with scarlet, is the proper Masonic Apron "for a Royal Arch Mason." We agree with them in this decision, and though we, of North Carolina, are not in the habit of indulging in any very great extravagance, we cannot refrain from quoting the remarks of the Most Excellent of Indiana on the subject.

"I am aware, that should the Grand Chapter confirm this decision, it will very ma-"terially interfere with the arrangements of some of our *very disinterested* brethren, "and others, who have, at *great sacrifices*, erected large establishments, for the manu-"facture of what they call Masonic Regalia, and have agents employed at an additional "great *sacrifice* (?) traversing the country, far and near, for the purpose of disposing "of their *fine things* to the Craft. And when a Mason gets himself trimmed out in a "full suit, as some of these manufacturers, or pedlars would have him believe was "proper and right, he looks like a Nabob of some half civilized tribe of Asia, or some "unlettered child of the forest of our wide extended country, than that of a sensible "and intelligent "Free Mason."

The Grand High Priest, King, and Scribe, were at their post at the late session of the General Grand Chapter. They approve of the action of the General Grand Chapter, relative to the abridgment of the Past Master's Degree, but believe it *impossible* for the General Grand Body to establish Uniformity of Work, doubting the authority of that Body over the work, which they say, from the loss of confidence, she has not now the *power* to establish, and are fully satisfied she has fulfilled her mission—or as we say, her intended mission. They are of opinion that the sooner she dissolves her Organization, the better will it be for the harmony of the Royal Craft.

The Committee of Foreign Correspondence could perceive no benefits derived from the late session, as "no disputed points of Law seem to have been decided," and "those matters brought up for discussion, have been left in an unsettled and confused state."

Wisconsin.—The Grand Chapter of this State convened in Milwaukee on the 3d February, 1858, and her proceedings were promptly with us. Young as is our Sister State, her proceedings exhibit superior talents and compare favorably with many of her elder Sisters. Nothing had occurred to disturb the fraternal feeling, and "Union, Harmony and Concord" prevailed. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is able, and the tone and temper with which she announces the withdrawal of Kentucky and North Carolina, is well worthy the imitation of some of her Elder, but not better colleagues. The proceedings of our own State is favorably alluded to,

and the beautiful moral and Masonic sentiments distinguishing the address of our Most Excellent, are liberally quoted and enforced by the presiding officer.

The Grand High Priest expresses his opinion of the General Grand Chapter, and deemed it better to withdraw whatever allegiance they might owe to the General Grand Body.

Iowa.—We have the proceedings of the fourth annual convocation of this Grand Chapter, held at Iowa City, on the 30th May, 1857. The Craft are in prosperity and we ardently hope the Companions of Iowa may continue "to strengthen their stakes rather than extend their borders." A young and rising State, increasing in prosperity and population, she has much to fear from the admission of the unworthy.

Michigan.—The Grand Chapter of Michigan, convened in Detroit on the 15th January, 1857. The address of the Most Excellent, is of the right stamp. Able and eloquent, it addresses itself to the heart. Enforcing the duties and obligations of Masons upon Masons, it cannot fail to exercise a salutary influence. The special Committee, to whom was referred the General Grand Chapter, made a report which, if we had not already spoken so frequently of that Body, we would place in full in our report, but must content ourselves with submitting the resolution introduced by them, and which, for the present, was disposed of, in that un-Masonic mode—"laid on the table."

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Chapter, that the General Grand Chap-"ter of the United States has failed in the object of its Organization; that the pros-"perity of Royal Arch Masonry, if not embarrassed, is certainly not promoted by its "continuance; that it ought to be dissolved, and its Constitution abrogated."

Canada.—We are in receipt of a fraternal circular letter, from our Companions of Canada, announcing the formation of the Independent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, for the Government of Royal Arch Masons in that Province. They cordially extend the right hand of fellowship, and solicit a friendly recognition. The Committee are disposed to report at once in favor of the recognition they so confidently claim; but, in deference to the doubts existing in the minds of some of our intelligent Companions, in regard to its strict, legal Masonic formation, they recommend the letter be referred to a special Committee, to report at this session, if possible.

Statistics—Are engaging the attention of several of our Sister Grand Chapters, efforts are made to ascertain the whole number of Royal Arch Masons residing in the United States. A table has been prepared by our Companions of Maine, exhibiting the number of Working Chapters as 820, of which only 722 made returns, and consisted of 26,940 Royal Arch Masons. This does not include non-affiliated Companions, and is formed generally from actual returns, and in some instances, from estimates. A little more stringency on the part of Grand Chapters, in enforcing the rule, requiring subordinates to make annual returns, would place the number beyond contingency. In this particular, North Carolina has been so lenient as to be open to the charge of remissness. In connection with this, a uniform date, as the commencement of the Royal Arch Year, is suggested.

We observe a discrepancy of two and four years, as to the year of Royal Arch Masonry. This year, for instance, being by some placed as A. I. 2388, and by others, A. I. 2390, or 2392. A majority of the Grand Chapters, including our own, use the former, which we believe to be the correct Year of Discovery.

The General Grand Chapter.—The review of the proceedings of our Sister Grand Chapters, has already prompted us to say more than we desired, as to the General Grand Chapter; but this Body has been the theme of all, and to speak of it, has been inseperable from the duties you have assigned us. We have not spoken, nor do we desire to speak disrespectfully of it, for we are not of it, and when we witness the long array of dissatisfied Grand Chapters, we have good reason to rejoice that we are not a

part of it. Nor do we intend to make a defence of our withdrawal, for we have not acted without reason, and those reasons have been promulgated to the Masonic world; but we desire to say, that for many years, we have been in the habit of examining the proceedings of our Sister Grand Chapters, in a private and some of us in an official capacity, and we do not exaggerate, when we say, that a majority of them are characterized by one peculiarly distinctive feature. We allude to the complaints so unsparingly uttered against the General Grand Chapter, and this peculiarity is, that a controlling majority should complain of its action, or its want of action; and when we consider the unanimity with which they clamor for reforms and edicts, in language so uniformly the same, it seems to us most extraordinary; and when we further reflect, that its members are the brightest in the land; Masons of acknowledged talent; men who, in their own jurisdiction, are eminent in the Masonic ranks; imbued with the true spirit of Masonry, our astonishment is increased. Were the General Grand Chapter an absolute monarchy, with power vested in the hands of one man, whose will was Law, there would be nothing strange in all this; but when the fountain from which flows the murmuring stream, is the source of power, we repeat that the existing state of things is most extraordinary, and we can only ascribe it to something radically un-Masonic in the Organization itself; and it proves that any effort to establish a Masonic Government, corresponding in form with a Civil Government, must and always will fail. The Laws and Government of Masonry are its own, existing for ages, and cannot be made to accord with the many phases assumed by civil powers of modern times.

We think it had much better be dissolved, than continue to be the rallying point for the spirit of discord to marshal its force around. The great burthen of complaint, is the failure to establish an Uniform Mode of Work. Urged to the task, at its convocation in Boston, in 1850, it thought it had adopted a system, which the officers charged, undertook to disseminate, but which was rejected by a majority of those to whom it was proffered. At the convocation in Lexington, in 1854, it was, after much discussion and disputation discovered, that they had *not* adopted a System of Work. While at Hartford, in 1856, as is well known, they admitted that they had failed, and referred the Work back to the Sovereign Grand Chapters. We ask, where is the consistency in such a course? Where the advantage in sustaining a General Grand Administration? These remarks are submitted, more in justification of North Carolina than with the view of prejudicing others against the General Grand Chapter.

Conclusion.—Grand Chapters, we believe, now exist in every State in the Union, except Delaware, and the two so recently admitted into the confederacy. We have noted the proceedings of those received and reiterate our expressions of regret, that we have not Communications from all. In reviewing them, we are pleased to observe the prosperity existing in Royal Arch Masonry throughout our entire country. Beautiful, moral and true Masonic sentiment abound in them all, and we could gather from them many a gem, which would well deserve a place upon our records, but time, and this already too much extended report, entirely preclude it. If we have differed, it has not been in an un-Masonic spirit, or with a desire to provoke contention but we hope, in that spirit and dignity, which should always distinguish those who dwell together in Love and Unity.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. G. RANKIN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

REPORT.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to report, that they have discharged their duty, and find no business claiming their attention.

Respectfully submitted, E. F. WATSON, J. W. BLOUNT, ALEX. MURDOCK, } *Committee.*

The M. E. G. H. P. appointed the following Committee on the Communication received from the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Committee.—Comp'ns A. Martin, P. G. H. P., H. C. Lucas, and J. G. Parker.

The D. G. H. P. presented his annual report, which was received and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

Most Excellent Peter Custis, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina:

MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANIONS:—Since our last annual convocation, and soon after receiving your instructions, I applied to Comp'n Lewis, of Milton, North Carolina, for the Charter of Cyrus Chapter, which had been forfeited by them, and authorized him to get possession of it and forward it to me—this he has failed to do, from some cause. I have since written to him in regard to it, but have received no answer to that communication. Being unable to visit Milton, I endeavored to procure a special messenger to go there and get the Charter, that I might bring it up to this Grand Convocation, but in this I failed.

On the 12th February last, I visited Choraizin Chapter, Greensborough, by request of the Officers Elect, and installed them in due and ample form. I find in that Chapter the Royal Art is in true and faithful hands.

Permit me, Companions, on this occasion, to tender to each of yon and this Grand Body, my sincere thanks, for the repeated honors conferred upon me.

Respectfully submitted,

E. F. WATSON, *D. G. H. P.*

The Committee on Unfinished Business, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

The Committee on Unfinished Business, having examined the proceedings of the last Grand Chapter, beg leave to report, that all the business of the last Convocation has been acted on, except Resolutions 1st and 2nd, on page 26; Resolution on page 20; and the Report of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted, GOOLD HOYT, T. L. B. GREGORY, JOHN M. WOLFE, } *Committee.*

The Committee on M. E. G. H. Priest's address, presented the following report, which was, on motion received, adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

To the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the M. E. G. H. Priest, for the disposal of its several subjects, after commending to the careful consideration of every R. A. Mason within our jurisdiction, the beautiful, and truly Masonic sentiments with which it abounds, recommend the following reference of the several questions which he there submits for the consideration of this Grand Chapter, viz:

So much as relates to the subject of Grand Lecturer; the mode of Representation by Proxy, and a Representative Fund, to Special Committees; and that portion relative to Cyrus Chapter No. 21., and Warrenton Chapter No. 9, to the Committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

A MARTIN, *Chairman.*

The M. E. appointed the following Committees:

On Grand Lecturer—Comp'ns A. Martin, P. G. H. P., John M. Wolfe, and Speight Hill.

On Representation by Proxies—Comp's Joab Hiatt, R. B. Vance, and M. Cronly.

On Representative Fund—Comp'ns Alex. Murdock, J. G. Parker, and R. T. Hall.

The Grand Chapter then called from labor to refreshment, until this evening, at eight o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

TUESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Present—Officers and members as this morning.

A. Marine, Carolina Chapter No. 1, South Carolina.

Comp'n J. M. Wolfe offered the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, the Degrees of Royal and Select Masters, are a part and parcel of Royal Arch Masonry, and that Subordinate Chapters, under our jurisdiction, are hereby authorized to confer them.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to report at the next annual convocation, the proper arrangement of said Degrees.

On motion of Comp'n Murdock, it was

Resolved, That the further consideration of these Degrees be deferred until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter then called from labor to refreshment, until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING, June 9, 1858.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. E. F. Watson, D. G. H. P., - -	G. H. P.	p. t.
E. Goold Hoyt, - - - - - - -	G. K.	
E. Calvin Cox, - - - - - - -	G. S.	"
E. J. Lutterloh, - - - - - -	G. C. H.	"
O. L. Fillyaw, - - - - - -	G. P. S.	"
R. T. Hall, - - - - - - - -	G. R. A. C.	"
John M. Wolfe, - - - - - -	G. M. 3d V.	"
Geo. H. Makepeace, - - -	G. M. 2nd V.	
James M. Palmer, - - - -	G. M. 1st V.	"
Thos. B. Carr, - - - - - -	G. Secretary.	
E. Turlington, - - - - - -	G. Tyler.	

Comp'ns H. C. Lucas, T. L. B. Gregory, Joab Hiatt, M. Cronly, R. B. Vance, Alex. Murdock, A. Martin, P. G. H. P., H. C. Hurdle, W. W. Daniel, J. G. Parker, Benj. F. Cobb, W. E. Freeman, and Speight Hill.

Comp'n Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P., offered the following Resolution, which was rejected:

Resolved, That the Committee on work be discharged.

On motion of Comp'n Hiatt, it was

Resolved, That the vote in regard to discharging the Committee on work, be reconsidered.

On motion of Comp'n Hiatt, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on work be discharged.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until this afternoon, at 2 1-2 o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, June 9, 1858, 2 1-2 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Present—Officers and members as this morning.

Visitor—Comp'n H. Grimes, Union Chapter No. 17.

The Committee on Proxies made the following report, which was, on motion, adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes.

REPORT.

The Committee appointed by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, to take into consideration the subject of Proxies, beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the 16th Article of the Constitution, be so altered and amended, as to compel each Representative, by Proxy, in the Grand Chapter, to be a member of the Chapter which they represent.

JOAB HIATT,
R. B. VANCE, } *Committee.*
M. CRONLY,

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was received and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

The Committee, on presenting their final Report, would improve the opportunity of reminding the Secretaries and Officers of the several Chapters, to be more exact in complying with the requisitions of this Grand Chapter, in preparing certificates and proxies. When the regular Officers attend Grand Convocations, they should, as well as proxies, bear with them proper certificates, which will, in that case, enable the Committee, with more certainty, to report their names, and thereby prevent confusion.

Roanoke, No. 4.....T. L. B. Gregory, prox. for K.
Oxford, No. 8.....Z. M. Pashall, H. P.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING.

The Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

The Finance Committee have examined the Books of the Treasurer, and Secretary, and find them correct and in proper form, and submit the following Report of the Financial condition of the Grand Chapter, viz:

Cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer at the time of the last annual report,		778 36
Dues received during the Convocation,		240 00
Interest on W. A. Burr's Note,		31 20
Making,		$1,049 56
From which he has disbursed the following amounts:		
Appropriations of last session,	88 00	
Printing and Binding,	192 34	
Returned to Wadesboro' Chapter No. 31	65 00	
Grand Secretary's Bill, (including blanks for Charters,)	116 00	461 34
Leaving cash balance in his hands,		$588 22
In addition to the above amounts, the Grand Treasurer holds the following Notes, viz:		
R. C. Rankin's Note and interest due,	504 60	
I. Northrop's " " "	274 54	
W. A. Burr's " " "	520 00	1,299 14
Making the whole amount of assets,		$1,887 36

The arrearage of Dues, from Subordinate Chapters, is from—

Eureka,	No. 7,	10 00
Oxford,*	" 8,	10 00
Warrenton,	" 9,	70 00
Choraizin,	" 13,	10 00
Gaston,	" 18,	10 00
Lincoln,	" 22,	10 00
Montgomery,	" 23,	10 00
Germanton,*	" 24,	15 00
Louisburg,	" 26,	25 00
Mt. Lebanon,	" 27,	10 00
Graham,	" 28,	25 00
Asheville,*	" 25,	25 00
		230 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. MARTIN,
P. W. FANNING, } *Committee.*

The time having arrived that had been set apart for the election of Officers, the M. E. appointed Comp'ns A. Martin, P. G. H. P., and Joab Hiatt, tellers, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to an election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

*Paid since this report was made.

Comp'ns	Peter Custis,	- -	G. H. P.
"	E. F. Watson,	- -	D. G. H. P.
"	Goold Hoyt,	- -	G. K.
"	D. D. Phillips,	- -	G. S.
"	T. W. Brown,	- -	G. Treas.
"	Thos. B. Carr,	- -	G. Sec'y.
"	R. B. Vance,	- -	G. C. H.

On motion of Comp'n P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., it was

Resolved, That the installation of the officers elect, take place this evening, at eight o'clock; and that Comp'n A. Martin, P. G. H. P., be requested to perform the installation service.

On motion of Comp'n R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., it was

Resolved, That the resolutions offered by Comp'n Wolfe, last evening, on the subject of the Royal and Select Master's Degrees, be referred to a Committee of three, whose puty it shall be to report upon the same, at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Body.

Committee—Comp'ns P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., T. L. B. Gregory, and Dr. Pride Jones.

The Committee on the subject of Grand Lecturer, presented the following Report, which was, on motion, received and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

To the M. E. Grand R. A. Chapter of North Carolina:

Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. E. Grand H. Priest, relating to a Grand Lecturer, have had the same under consideration, and concur in the views expressed by him, that no good can result from the employment of a Grand Lecturer, under the system heretofore pursued; but are of opinion that the G. Chapter may devise some plan by which great advantages would be secured to the Subordinate Chapters.

While your Committee have not fully determined upon any particular plan, in which they have sufficient confidence, to urge it upon the G. Chapter, as the most feasible, they here take the liberty of suggesting one, which, with such modifications as the wisdom of the G. Chapter may suggest, may prove successful.

There are in the State, twenty-seven working Chapters; let each Chapter be required to devote, annually, to the support of a Grand Lecturer, the amount of fees for one exaltation, Twenty-one Dollars, which would amount to $567, and in addition, let this Grand Chapter appropriate, annually, for the same object, the sum of Five Dollars, for each one of her subordinates, which would increase the amount to $702. With this

sum, a Grand Lecturer might be employed, whose duty it should be to visit, and devote to the instruction of each Subordinate Chapter, one week each year. For such Chapters as may not have received any exaltation fees during the year, the whole amount, Twenty-one Dollars, to be paid by this Grand Chapter. The Grand Lecturer to receive the fees only for such Chapters as he may visit and instruct, as before provided.

This is merely an outline of a plan, which, in the opinion of your Committee, may be perfected, and result in great benefit to the R. Craft, and to this Grand Chapter; and we recommend that the subject be referred to the Subordinate Chapters for their consideration, to be acted upon at the next Convocation of this G. Chapter.

A. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Press, reported that they had performed their duty, and were discharged.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until this evening, at eight o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock, June 9th.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

Present—Officers and members as this morning.

Visitors—Comp'ns M. Newhoff, and J. M. Monk.

The M. E. P. G. H. P., Alfred Martin, proceeded to the installation of officers.

The M. E. G. H. P. made the following appointments:

T. L. B. Gregory, - - - - - - -	G. P. S.
J. W. Blount, - - - - - - - -	G. R. A. C.
H. C. Hurdle, - - - - - - - -	G. M. 3d V.
R. T. Hall, - - - - - - - - -	G. M. 2d V.
J. B. Griswold, - - - - - - - -	G. M. 1st V.
E. Turlington, - - - - - - - -	G. Tyler.
J. T. Wheat, - - - - - - - -	G. Chaplain.

Finance Committee—A. Martin, P. G. H. P., P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., and T. W. Brown.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence—Comp'ns Rankin, Lucas, Palmer, Murdock, and Vance.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until to-morrow evening at eight o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

THURSDAY EVENING, June 9th, 1858, 8 o'clock.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. Peter Custis, - - - - - - -	G. H. P.	
E. Goold Hoyt, - - - - - - -	G. K.	
E. E. F. Watson, D. G. H. P., - -	G. S.	p. t.
R. B. Vance, - - - - - - -	G. C. H.	
T. L. B. Gregory, - - - - -	G. P. S.	
H. C. Lucas, - - - - - - -	G. R. A. C.	
Z. M. Paschall, P. G. K., - -	G. M. 3d V.	"
R. T. Hall, - - - - - - -	G. M. 2d V.	
J. B. Griswold, - - - - - -	G. M. 1st V.	
Thos. B. Carr, - - - - - -	G. Secretary.	
Jas. M. Palmer, - - - - - -	G. Tyler.	"

Comp'ns P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., Calvin Cox, Joab Hiatt, M. Cronly, J. M. Monk, M. Newhoff, J. G. Parker, Alex. Murdock, R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., Geo. H. Makepeace.

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings, presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

The Committee on Returns and Proceedings of Subordinate Chapters, in performance of the duty assigned them, beg leave to Report: that the Returns of nineteen Chapters have been received and duly examined, as follows:

Concord	Chapter	No.	1.	Cherokee	Chapter,	No.	14.
Phœnix	"	"	2.	Union,	"	"	17.
Mt. Ararat,	"	"	3.	Key Stone	"	"	19.
Concord	"	"	5.	Salisbury	"	"	20.
Temple	"	"	6.	Lincoln	"	"	22.
Oxford	"	"	8.	Asheville	"	"	25.
Raleigh	"	"	10.	Goldsboro'	"	"	29.
Lafayette,	"	"	11.	Mt. Vernon	"	"	30.
Conoho,	"	"	12.	Wadesboro'	"	"	31.
Choraizin	"	"	13.				

The Returns, generally, are in proper form, but are deficient in *seals*, with two exceptions, Raleigh, No. 10, and Concord, No. 5. The attention of the Subordinates is particularly directed to this deficieiency, with the expectation that they will at once remedy the fault, by complying with a positive requisition of the Grand Chapter. The Committee, however, cannot refrain from complimenting the Chapters at large, for sending up the most perfect Returns that have ever come under their observation.

The following Statistical Table exhibits the condition of the Subordinates:

Chapters.	Exalted. . . .	Rejected. . .	Withdrawn.	Died.	Expelled. . .	Suspended. .	Residents not Members. .	Total Number . . .	Regular Meetings.
Concord No. 1,	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	72	1st Monday each month.
Phœnix " 2,	5	1	3	0	0	0	6	34	1st Tuesday do.
Mt. Ararat " 3,	4	0	1	0	2	0	6	33	3d Saturday do.
Concord " 5,	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	32	3d Saturday do.
Temple " 6,	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	23	2d Tuesday do.
Oxford " 8,	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	3d Monday do.
Raleigh " 10,	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	3d Tuesday do.
Lafayette " 11,	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	29	2d Thursday do.
Conoho " 12,	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	31	not named.
Choraizin " 13,	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	53	do.
Cherokee " 14,	2	0	2	0	0	1	2	29	2d Monday do.
Union " 17,	2	0	1	0	0	0	7	32	2d Thursday do.
Key Stone " 19,	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	29	2d Tuesday do.
Salisbury " 20,	0	0	9	1	0	0	4	46	1st Wednesday do.
Lincoln " 22,	1	0	2	0	0	0	6	26	Tues'y in Jan., April, July & Oct.
Asheville " 25,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	2d Monday each month.
Goldsboro' " 29,	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	not named.
Mt. Vernon, " 30,	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	21	1st Saturday do.
Wadesboro' " 31,	11	1	0	0	0	0	2	33	1st Monday do.
	31	3	27	5	2	1	49	629	

The following Chapters have made no returns, viz:

Roanoke Chapter, No. 4.	Cyrus Chapter, No. 21.	Mt. Lebanon Chapter, No. 27.
Eureka " " 7.	Montgomery " " 23.	Graham " " 28.
Warrenton " " 9.	Germanton " " *24.	Nos. 15 and 16 not filled.
Gaston " " 18.	Lonisburg " " 26.	

In the case of Warrenton Chapter, No. 9, and of Cyrus, No. 21, specially referred to this Committee; it is recommended that the G. H. P. proceed, at his earliest convenience, after the adjournment of this G. Chapter, to arrest their Charters, and secure their effects, at his discretion.

*Since received.

Mt. Ararat Chapter, No. 3, reports two expulsions—she is remiss in not sending up the Cases as required, for action of this Grand Body. A Chapter is liable to censure for such neglect, as the individuals dealt with may have suffered injustice, and so continue for another year. It is recommended that the Chapter be required to present the Cases regularly at the next Grand Convocatiou.

Respectfully submitted,

P. W. FANNING, }
JOAB HIATT, } *Committee.*
R. B. VANCE, }

The Committee on Representative Fund, presented the following report, which was received and adopted, and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the M. E. G. H. P. address, in relation to a representative fund, would respectfully report: that on examination, they find that it will require a yearly fund of $700 or $800 to pay the expenses of one delegate from each Subordinate, which will require a yearly tax on each Chapter of $25 or $30. They would therefore recommend, that the whole matter he laid over till the next communication of the Grand Chapter, so as to afford the Subordinate Chapters an opportunity to take the subject into consideration, and to enable them to instruct their delegate how to vote on this subject.

ALEX. MURDOCK.

On motion of Comp'n A. Murdock, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered to Concord Chapter No. 1., and St. John's Lodge No. 1., of Wilmington, for the delightful excursion we have this day enjoyed, and for the free and cordial manner in which they have entertained us.

On motion of Comp'n Z. M. Paschall, P. G. K., it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be hereby instructed to procure a fire proof safe, for the preservation of the records and other property of this Grand Chapter.

On motion of Comp'n Lucas, it was

Resolved, That Forty Dollars be paid out of the funds of this Grand Chapter, to the M. E. G. H. P., as his traveling expenses, incurred in attending our present Convocation, Seventy-five Dollars to the Grand Secretary, Thirty Dollars to the Grand Treasurer, and Fifteen Dollars to the Grand Tyler.

On motion of Comp'n Vance, it was

Resolved, That the M. E. G. H. P. he requested to reappoint the Committee of the last Masonic year, (with whom two other Companions shall be appointed,) to consult with him as to the true and ancient work of the Most Sublime Degrees, and report to the next Annual Convocation of this Grand R. A. Chapter.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter called from labor to refreshment, until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

THOS. B. CARR, *G. Sec'y.*

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor.

PRESENT.

M. E. Peter Custis, - - - - - - -	G. H. P.	
E. Goold Hoyt, - - - - - - -	G. K.	
E. H. C. Lucas, - - - - - - -	G. S.	p. t.
Alex. Murdock, - - - - - -	G. C. H.	"
P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., -	G. P. S.	"
Z. M. Paschall, P. G. K., - -	G. R. A. C.	"
Calvin Cox, - - - - - - -	G. M. 3d V.	"
R. T. Hall, - - - - - - -	G. M. 2d V.	
Geo. H. Makepeace, - - -	G. M. 1st V.	"
Thos. B. Carr, - - - - - -	G. Secretary.	
O. L. Fillyaw, - - - - - -	G. Tyler.	

Comp'n—J. G. Parker.

The Committee on Communication from Canada, presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted:

Your Committee, to whose consideration was referred the circular from what purports to be the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada, have had but little time to devote to the subject, and therefore feel some doubt as to the propriety of the course which they purpose recommending, for the adoption of this Grand Chapter. Had our opportunities of inquiry have enabled us to fully satisfy ourselves that our premises are entirely correct, we should then have presented our conclusions with more confidence.

We can not resist the conclusion, that the present G. R. Arch organization is a result of the state of anarchy that has for some time prevailed in that jurisdiction, and as we should be the first to resist any foreign interference in our own, we should be the last to interfere, or encourage insubordination, or resistance to lawful authority in a foreign jurisdiction. When the present Grand R. Arch organization in Canada, shall have reconciled her dispute with the supreme authorities that have heretofore governed the Royal Craft in that jurisdiction, none can extend the hand of fellowship more cheerfully, or more cordially than we. Until then, we feel constrained to decline any proffers of recognition, and to deprecate interference on the part of our Sister Grand Chapters.

A. MARTIN, *Chairman.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered to St. John's Lodge No. 1, and Concord Chapter No. 1, for the use of their Hall, during the present Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

The M. E. G. High Priest, in accordance with the resolution of Comp'n Vance, adopted yesterday, re-appointed the following Committee on Work, viz: Comp'ns A. Martin, P. G. H. P., P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P., R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P., and Luke Blackmer, adding thereto the names of Comp'ns S. W. Neal, of Wadesboro', and J. Roberts, of Asheville.

The Committee on Diplomas, presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Diplomas, appointed at the last Grand Convocation, have performed the duty assigned them, and a quantity, both on parchment and Bank Note Paper, have been forwarded by express, probably to arrive this evening.

The Committee would here take occasion to state, that a considerable delay in the accomplishment of their purpose has been caused, in consequence of a somewhat extended correspondence with various individuals, in remote locations, and to the time required in selecting among several specimens furnished, varying, of course, in quality and price.

The Committee are induced to believe, that the beautiful article to be submitted, will meet the approbation of the Companions.

It is recommended that those on *Parchment* be furnished the Chapters at $2, and those on Bank Bill Paper, at $1—one-half for the Grand Secretary and the other for the Grand Treasury.

Respectfully submitted, P. W. FANNING, THOS. B. CARR, } *Committee.*

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify such Chapters as have neglected to be represented in Grand Chapter, or shall have failed to make returns, or pay dues for the past two years, to appear at the next Grand Communication and show cause why the 16th Article of the Grand Constitution should not be enforced.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have, from time to time, as they may be required, fifty of the Diplomas that are printed on Bank Note Paper, bound in Paste Board, and that the cost of binding be added to the price of the Diplomas.

No further business appearing, the minutes having been read and approved, the Grand Chapter closed in solemn form.

THOS. B. CARR. *G. Sec'y.*

Registry of Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, from Returns received June 7th, 1858.

Chapters.	No.	Location.	High Priest.	Secretary.	Exaltations.	Rejections.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Expulsions.	Total No. of Members.
Concord	1	Wilmington	R. G. Rankin	J. B. Russell	0	0	2	1	0	72
Phœnix	2	Fayetteville	A. M. Campbell	W. B. Shemwell	5	1	3	0	0	34
Mount Ararat	3	Murfreesboro'	F. M. Capehart,	G. D. Parker	4	0	1	0	2	33
Roanoke	4	Halifax	No Returns							*15
Concord	5	Tawboro'	Jas. Mehegan	L. C. Pender	0	0	1	0	0	32
Temple	6	Windsor	S. B. Smith	J. T. Roscoe	0	0	2	0	0	23
Eureka	7	Newbern	No Returns							*52
Oxford	8	Oxford	Z. M. Pasehall	T. L. Hargrove	2	0	0	0	0	30
Warrenton	9	Warrenton	No Returns							* 9
Raleigh,	10	Raleigh	Wm. G. Hill	T. J. Utley	2	0	0	1	0	32
Lafayette	11	Hillsboro'	D. D. Phillips	H. K. Nash	1	0	0	0	0	29
Conoho	12	Hamilton	R.E. Weathersbee,	L. L. Clements	0	0	1	0	0	31
Choraizin	13	Greensboro'	C. P. Mendenhall	J. H. Lindsay	0	0	0	0	0	53
Cherokee	14	Hertford	J. M. Cox	E. Brace	2	0	2	0	0	29
Union	17	Bear Swamp P. O.	J. W. Blount	B. C. Bowden	2	0	1	0	0	32
Gaston	18	Roxboro'	No Returns							*17
Keystone	19	Plymouth	T. B. Nichols	J. Ramsey	2	0	0	1	0	29
Salisbury	20	Salisbury	D. A. Davis	R. W. Mills	0	0	9	1	0	46
Lincoln	22	Lincolnton	C. J. Hammarskold	W. S. Cobbitt	1	0	2	0	0	26
Montgomery	23	Clark's Creek	No Returns							*37
Germanton	24	Germanton	J. B. Kingsberry	J. E. Shumate	0	0	0	0	0	41
Asheville	25	Asheville	J. Roberts	M. M. Gaines	0	0	0	0	0	24
Louisburg	26	Louisburg	No Returns							*34
Mount Lebanon	27	Wilson	No Returns							*18
Graham	28	Watsonville	No Returns							*27
Goldsboro'	29	Goldsboro'	E. W. Hines	J. B. Griswold	0	1	0	0	0	20
Mount Vernon	30	Greenville	Goold Hoyt	Jas. Murray	0	0	3	1	0	21
Wadesboro'	31	Wadesboro'	R. T. Hall	W. O. Bennett	11	1	0	0	0	33
										879

*Number estimated from last returns.

FORM OF RETURNS FOR A SUBORDINATE CHAPTER.

Return of *Chapter No.* *working under the jurisdiction of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.*

Regular meetings on

OFFICERS:

MEMBERS.	MEMBERS.

Exaltations.	Rejections.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Expuls'ns.	Suspens'ns.	Total Members.

Form of Proxy for a High Priest, King or Scribe of a Subordinate Chapter.

I, A. B, (High Priest, King or Scribe,) of *constitute Companion C. D. my proxy to represent me at the next Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of North Carolina, to be held in Wilmington, on the* *day of* *, in the year A. I.* 238 *, A. D.* 185 .

Witness my hand and Seal, this *day of* *, A. D.* 185 .

(SEAL.)

Dr. *Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina in Account with* THOS. W. BROWN, *G. Treasurer.* *Cr.*

1857.			
June 3d.	To Amount	Appropriation G. H. P.,	$40 00
	" "	ret'd to Wadesboro' Chapter No. 31,	65 00
	" "	Grand Secretary's bill,	116 00
	" "	Copying Press, Whitaker,	3 00
	" "	Appropriation G. Tyler,	15 00
" 10th.	" "	Book Binding,	7 00
Aug. 11th.	" "	paid E. J. Hale & Son,	2 70
Oct. 7th.	" "	Fulton & Price for Printing,	180 64
Dec. 16th.	" "	Holden & Wilson " "	2 00
	" "	Appropriation to G. Treasurer,	30 00
	" "	to balance, carried forward,	588 22
			$1,049 56

1857.		
June 7th.	By amount to New account,	778 36
1858.		
June 1st.	" Interest on W. A. Burr's note,	31 20
	" Concord Chapter No. 1,	10 00
	" Phœnix " " 2,	10 00
	" Mt. Ararat " " 3,	15 00
	" Roanoke " " 4,	10 00
	" Concord " " 5,	15 00
	" Temple " " 6,	15 00
	" Raleigh " " 10,	25 00
	" LaFayette " " 11,	10 00
	" Conoho " " 12,	15 00
	" Cherokee " " 14,	30 00
	" Union " " 17,	10 00
	" Keystone " " 19,	15 00
	" Salisbury " " 20,	10 00
	" Lincoln " " 22,	15 00
	" Goldsboro' " " 29,	15 00
	" Mt. Vernon " " 30,	10 00
	" Wadesboro' " " 31,	10 00
		$1,049 56

THOMAS W. BROWN,

Grand Treasurer.

WILMINGTON, June 9th, 1858.

Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, in account with THOMAS B. CARR, *Grand Secretary.*

1857.			
June.	To dues of Lincoln Chapter, No. 22,	.....	15 00
1858.			
June.	" " " Concord " " 1,	.....	10 00
"	" " " Phœnix " " 2,	.....	10 00
"	" " " Mt. Ararat " " 3,	.....	15 00
"	" " " Roanoke " " 4,	.....	10 00
"	" " " Concord " " 5,	.....	15 00
"	" " " Temple " " 6,	.....	15 00
"	" " " Oxford " " 8,	.....	15 00
"	" " " Raleigh " " 10,	.....	25 00
"	" " " Lafayette " " 11,	.....	10 00
"	" " " Conoho " " 12,	.....	15 00
"	" " " Cherokee " " 14,	.....	30 00
"	" " " Union " " 17,	.....	10 00
"	" " " Keystone " " 19,	.....	15 00
"	" " " Salisbury " " 20,	.....	10 00
"	" " " Germanton " " 24,	.....	15 00
"	" " " Asheville " " 25,	.....	25 00
"	" " " Goldsboro' " " 29,	.....	15 00
"	" " " Mt. Vernon " " 30,	.....	10 00
"	" " " Wadesboro' " " 31,	.....	10 00
			$295 00
1858.			
June.	By amount paid Grand Treasurer, as per Receipts,	.....	240 00
"	" " " after the report of the Committee on Finance, and since the close of the annual Grand Convocation,		55 00
			$295 00

THOMAS B. CARR,
Grand Secretary.

WILMINGTON, June 9th, 1858.

A LIST OF HIGH PRIESTS

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

M. E.	James F. McRee,	Wilmington.
"	Alex. McRae,	"
"	P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.	"
"	H. P. Russell,	"
"	Alfred Martin, P. G. H. P.	"
"	Isaac Northrop, P. D. G. H. P.	"
"	D. McMillan,	"
"	R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.	"
"	A. Empie, Jr.,	"
"	W. G. Thomas, P. G. S.	"
"	Wm. G. Hill,	Raleigh.
"	E. B. Freeman,	"
"	John W. Crosby,	"
"	J. R. Harrison,	"
"	Jos. M. Cox,	Hertford.
"	Jos. G. Granbery,	"
"	J. W. Albertson,	"
"	E. Myers, P. D. G. H. P.	Salisbury.
"	D. A. Davis,	"
"	A. H. Caldwell,	"
"	Luke Blaekmer,	"
"	T. B. Nicholls,	Plymouth.
"	Wm. Bagley,	"
"	J. Ramsey,	"
"	Jno. McC. Boyle,	"
"	John McRae,	Fayetteville.
"	A. M. Campbell,	"
"	E. L. Winslow,	"
"	L. R. Loftin,	Duplin,
"	Thos. Wright,	"
"	Jas. W. Blount,	"
"	Pride Jones,	Hillsboro'.
"	D. D. Phillips,	"
"	E. F. Watson,	Graham.
"	J. S. Pender	Tarboro'.
"	Lewis Bond,	"
M. E.	Jas. Mehegan,	Tarboro'.
"	W. W. Daniel,	Halifax.
"	C. N. Webb,	"
"	Z. M. Pasehall, P.G.K.	Oxford.
"	Wm. Burge,	Wadesboro'.
"	A. P. Yaney,	Murfreesboro'.
"	F. M. Capehart,	"
"	P. P. Clements,	Hamilton,
"	Wm. Slade,	"
"	R. E. Weathersbee	"
"	C. H. Jordan,	Roxboro'.
"	Jones. Drumright,	"
"	C. W. Wooley,	Montgomery.
"	J, S. Gibson	"
"	A. T. Jerkins,	Newbern.
"	Peter Custis, G. H. P.	"
"	H. K. Nash,	"
"	C. P. Mendenhall,	"
"	Geo. Green,	"
"	Wm. Sloan,	Lincolnton.
"	C. J. Hammerskold	"
"	Jas. A. Caldwell	"
"	Jos. K. Bird,	Windsor.
"	Stark B. Smith,	"
"	Kater Biggs,	"
"	J. W. Haskius,	"
"	B. J. Spruill,	"
"	Joshua Roberts,	Asheville.
"	James Reid,	Louisburg.
"	J. S. Gibson,	Germantown.
"	J. B. Kingsberry	"
"	L. D. Farmer	Wilson.
"	E. W. Hines,	Goldsboro.'
"	Goold Hoyt,	Greenville.
"	S. W. Neal,	Wadesboro'.
"	R. T. Hall,	"

The above list comprises all the High Priests, as far as can be at this time ascertained. Should there be any omission, the Grand Secretary would be pleased to receive notice, to enable him to make a complete Register.

RETURNS OF CHAPTERS,

WORKING UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

Grand Chapter of North Carolina,

JUNE, A. L. 5858.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. I.—*WILMINGTON.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Robert G. Rankin,	H. P.
	E. O. L. Fillyaw,	K.
	E. Thos. B. Carr,	S.
Comp.	E. J. Lutterloh,	C. H.
"	H. P. Russell,	P. S.
"	J. M. Monk,	R. A. C.
"	M. Newhoff,	M. 3d. V.
"	T. M. Gardner,	M. 2d. V.
"	L. C Turner,	M. 1st. V.
"	Jos. B. Russell,	Secretary.
"	Jno. A. Taylor,	Treasurer.
"	E. Turlington,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Wm. A. Burr,
Thos. W. Brown,
B. G. Bates,
John Banks,
A. A. Brown,
J. A. Barnes,
D. Kahnweiler,
D. A. Lamont,
E. J. Lutterloh,
Alex. Lamont,
Jacob Lyon,
T. H. Lane,

James Burney,
John Branton,
Alex. Boon,
D. P. Beatty,
Thos. Cowan,
A. B. Chestnut,
M. Cronly,
T. B. Carr,
John C. Devane,
A. Empie, Jr. P. H. P.
P. W. Fanning, P. G. H. P.
G. R. French,
Owen Fennell,
O. L. Fillyaw.
J. M. Foy,
H. W. Foy,
W. E. Freeman,
J. H. Flanner,
T. F. Gause,
John Garwood,
Jos. Green,
T. M. Gardner,
George Harriss,
W. W. Harrriss,
W. C. Howard,
Owen Holmes,
A. J. Howell,
H. Hirsh,
N. T. Harriss,
W. G. Jones.
D. McMillan, P. H. P.
Wm. Murphy,
R. Maxwell,
Jas. T. Miller,
A. Martin, P. G. H. P.
T. D. Meares,
A. McRae, Jr.
J. E. Metts,
R. Morriss,
M. McInnis
C. T. Murphy,
W. H. McDowell,
J. M. Monk,
Isaac Northrop, P. H. P.
John Nutt,
M. Newhoff,
W. J. Price,
J. B. Price,
R. G. Rankin, P. G. H. P.
H. P. Russell, P. H. P.
J. B. Russell,
Alfred Smith,
R. Strange,
J. A. Stanly,
J. A. Taylor,
E. Turlington,
L. C. Turner,
S. D. Wallace,
J. H. Wright,

Exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, two; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, seventy-two; regular time of meeting, first Monday in each Month.

J. B. RUSSELL, *Secretary.*

PHŒNIX CHAPTER, No. II.—*FAYETTEVILLE.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. A. M. Campbell,	- - - - -	H. P.
E. Jas. McDaniel,	- - - - -	K.
E. Joseph Arey,	- - - - - -	S.
Comp. J. A. McLaughlin,	- - - -	C. H.
" George Lauder,	- - - - -	P. S.
" H. C. Lucas,	- - - - - -	R. A. C.
" J. B. Ferguson,	- - - - -	M. 3d. V.
" J. W. Lett,	- - - - - - -	M. 2d. V.
" John Lawrence,	- - - - -	M. 1st. V.
" W. B. Shemwell,	- - - - -	Sec'y.
" Warren Prior,	- - - - - -	Treas.
" David Wemyss,	- - - - -	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John McRae,
E. L. Winslow,
Jno. D. Williams,
Thos. J. Curtis,
J. B. Starr,
B. F. Pearce,
A. H. Whitfield,
Neill S. Stuart,
J. A. Worth,
J. R. Carter,
G .T. H. Crockett,
J. McD. Jessup,
A. P. Hurt,
Geo. H. Makepeace,
T. H. Pemberton,
John McCormick,
Archibald N. McDonald,
Philip A. Wiley,
Thomas Waddill,
W. S. Fowlkes,
C. P. Jones,
Isham Blake.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Geo. McNeill,
James Dodd,
Jno. W. Sandford,
Edwin Glover,
O. P. Stark,
W. R. Blake.

Exalted, five; rejected, one; withdrawn, three; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, six; whole number of members, thirty-four; regular time of meeting, first Tuesday in every Month.

W. B. SHEMWELL, *Secretary.*

MOUNT ARARAT CHAPTER, No. III.—*MURFREESBORO'.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. F. M.	Capehart,	H. P.
E.	James M. Wynns,	K.
E.	Isaac Pipkin,	S.
Comp.	Alexander Brett,	C. H.
"	Charles Vann,	P. S.
"	Isaac Baugham	R. A. C.
"	R. F. Hart	M. 3d. V.
"	R. E. Beal,	M. 2d. V.
"	John P. Lee,	M. 1st. V.
"	Goodman D. Parker,	Secretary.
"	Jas. M. Wynns.	Treasurer.
"	Abner Carter,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Daniel Brown,
Jet. R. Darden,
A. G. Jones,
Wm. T. Bynum,
Wm. H. Darden,
A. E. Grant,
Jas. H. Vinson,
Jas. J. Rochell,
A. P. Rallz,
A. D. Ramsey,
Rich'd. Shane,
J. J. Freeman,
R. H. Worthington,
Ely Carter,
B. A. Capehart,
H. Francis,
H. L. Bowden,
Jas. S. Flythe.
Joshua L. Garrett,
E. A. Martin,
John R. Rochell.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Wm. J. Magett, Charles E. Knight, John Darden,
Thos. Vaughan, J. L. Long, F. A. Nolley,

Exalted, four; rejected, none; withdrawn, one; died, none; expelled, two; suspended, none; residents not members, six; whole number, thirty-three; regular time of meeting, third Saturday in each Month.

G. D. PARKER, *Secretary.*

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. V.—*TAWBORO'.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	James Mehegen,	H. P.
E.	Henry T. Clark,	K.
E.	J. D. Jenkins,	S.
Comp.	Wm. S. Long,	C. H.
"	Wm. Harrell,	P. S.
"	David Cobb,	R. A. C.
"	Mayo Worsley,	M. 3d. V.
"	John Knight,	M. 2d. V.
"	John H. Leigh,	M. 1st. V.
"	Louis C. Pender,	Secretary.
"	Wm. Norfleet,	Treasurer.
"	Jos. H. Brown,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Benjamin M. Jackson,
Louis Bond,
Josiah S. Pender,
William Andrews,
James F. Andrews,
Jas. F. Jenkins,
Jesse H. Drake,
John H. Drake,
Daniel S. Crenshaw,
John Mooring,
Benjamin Batts,
Wm. H. Smith,
Kenneth Thigpen,
Andrew J. Cotten,
James Nelson,
John F. Hughes,
Wm. F. Mercer,
John R. Mercer,
Wm. S. Daggen,
Redden Daughtery,
Elisha Cromwell.

RESIDENT R. A. MASON NOT A MEMBER.—Epenetus Cromwell.

Exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, one; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, one; whole number, thirty-two; regular time of meeting, third Saturday in each Month.

LOUIS C. PENDER, *Secretary.*

TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. VI.—*WINDSOR.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Stark B. Smith,	H. P.
	E. G. W. McGlauhon,	K.
	E. Z. L. Simmons,	S.
Comp.	Wm. P. Gurley	C. H.
"	Francis W. Bird,	P. S.
"	B. B. Russell,	R. A. C.
"	Arodi Piland,	M. 3d. V.
"	David Harrell,	M. 2d. V.
"	W. R. Swain,	M. 1st. V.
"	J. T. Roscoe,	Secretary.
"	Thos. H. Spellir,	Treasurer.
"	Jno. S. Sheppard,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Augustus Holley,
Peter Henneberry,
Sam'l B. Spruill,
Robert H. Smith,
Richard P. Freeman,
Jeremiah H. Bunch,
Patrick H. Winston,
Thos. W. Reddick,
Benjamin J. Spruill,
William F. Ellis,
Noah H. Thompson,

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Thomas J. Pugh,
Perry C. Tyler.

Exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, two; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, two; whole number, twenty-three; regular time of meeting, 2nd Tuesday in each Month.

JOHN T. ROSCOE, *Secretary.*

OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 8.—*OXFORD.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. Z. M. Paschall, - - - - - H. P.
E. Lyman Latham, - - - - - K.
E. L. H. Bullock, - - - - - S.
Comp. I. R. Fuller, - - - - - - C. H.
" Wm. A. Philpott, - - - - P. S.
" L. C. Taylor, - - - - - - R. A. C.
" Jas. H. Strum, - - - - - M. 3d V.
" Jas. T. Littlejohn, - - - - M. 2d V.
" Thos. H. Raney, - - - - - M. 1st V.
" T. L. Hargrove, - - - - - Secretary.
" R. W. Lassiter, - - - - - Treasurer.
" A. F. Spencer, - - - - - Tyler.

MEMBERS.

L. H. Bullock,
J. D. Bullock,
R. J. Devin,
Wm. T. Ezelle,
J. B. Green,
Archibald Taylor,
S. F. Venable,
A. F. Spencer,
R. P. Taylor,
D. S. Wilkinson,
J. S. Overby,
Wilson Barford,
D. A. Paschall,
George Wortham,
L. A. Paschall,
S. A. Williams,
James M. Satterwhite,
James H. Horner.

Exalted, two; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, thirty; regular time of meeting, third Monday in each Month.

T. L. HARGROVE, *Secretary.*

RALEIGH CHAPTER, No- 10.—*RALEIGH.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Wm. G. Hill,	H. P.
E.	Chas. H. Johnson,	K.
E.	Thos. R. Debnam,	S.
Comp.	D. H. Stephenson,	C. H.
"	J. R. Harrison,	P. S.
"	W. H. High,	R. A. C.
"	G. W. Norwood,	M. 3d. V.
"	W. H. Hood,	M. 2d. V.
"	Thos. H. Avira,	M. 1st. V.
"	Thos. J. Utley,	Secretary.
"	Jas. M. Harriss,	Treasurer.
		Tyler.

MEMBERS.

D. B. Griffin,
Jos. D. Powell,
J. M. Lovejoy,
W. W. Johnson,
J. O. Jeffreys,
R. T. Heflin,
Dabney Cosby,
R. W. Seawell,
Wm. T. Bain,
W. Dallas Haywood,
Wm. F. Collins,
C. W. D. Hutchins,
E. Smith,
Geo. W. Norwood,
A. J. Woodward,
E. H. Woodward,
B. T. Strickland,
Jas. R. Jeffreys,
Edward Debnam,
H. A. Hodge,
James M. Ferrell.

Admited, five; Exalted, two; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, thirty-two; regular time of meeting, first Tuesday in each Month.

THOMAS J. UTLEY, *Secretary.*

LAFAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 11—*HILLSBORO'*.

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Daniel D. Phillips,	H. P.
E.	Thomas Webb,	K.
E.	Samuel P. Moore,	S.
Comp.	John M. Wolf,	C. H.
"	J. J. Allison,	P. S.
"	Calvin E. Parish,	R. A. C.
"	John A. Faucett,	M. 3d V.
"	A. C. Murdock,	M. 2d V.
"	John McCracken,	M. 1st V.
"	Henry K. Nash,	Secretary.
"	Pride Jones,	Treasurer.
"	James M. Palmer,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Alexander Dickson,
William Dickson,
John G. Anderson,
Gaston D. Cobb,
Thomas Howerton,
John C. Douglass,
Joseph Allison,
William F. Bason,
George Laws,
B. S. Durham,
Fred. Zirlant,
D. A. Montgomery,
Antonio De Martino,
John F. Lyon,
James C. Turner,
Wm. McCowan,
William Nelson.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Edmund Strudwick,
J. L. Bailey,
C. M. Latimer,
John McCowan,
J. T. Wheat.

Admited, one; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, five; whole number, twenty-nine; regular time of meeting, second Thursday in each Month.

HENRY K. NASH, *Secretary*.

CONOHO CHAPTER, No. 12.—*HAMILTON.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. R. E. Weathersbee, - - H. P.
E. Jno. B. Whitaker, - - K.
E. Sam'l M. Bowers, - - - S.
Comp. H. B. Godwin, - - - - C. H.
" Wm. W. Sherrod, - - - P. S.
" Jno. M. Matthews, - - R. A. C.
" James A. Daniels, - - M. 3d. V.
" Bennett S. Baker - - - M. 2d. V.
" Turner E. Barnhill, - - M. 1st. V.
" L. L. Clements, - - - Secretary.
" T. W. Ward, - - - - Treasurer.
" Wm. Beasley, - - - - Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Joseph J. Anthony,
George Hobbs,
W. T. Hyman,
G. L. Moore,
Simon M. Smithwick,
Joseph Waldo,
Jas. S. Williams,
Henry Budeke,
Friley J. Harrell,
Jno. D. Latham,
Robt. W. Sherrod,
H. S. Williams,
P. W. Zarrell,
Marcus C. S. Cherry,
C. C. Hines,
W. R. Hansell,
Jos. E. Short,
Sam'l. J. Williams,
W. P. Weathersbee.

Exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, one; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, thrty-one.

L. L. CLEMENTS, *Secretary.*

CHORAIZIN, CHAPTER, No. 13.—*GREENSBORO.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. Cyrus P. Mendenhall, - - H. P.
E. Joab Hiatt, - - - - - - K.
E. Thos. J. Patrick, - - - S.
Comp. John L. Cole, - - - - C. H.
" Peter Adams, - - - P. S.
" David McKnight, - - - R. A. C.
" Wm. H. Cumming, - - M. 3d. V.
" Shubal G. Coffin, - - - M. 2d. V.
" James Kirkman, - - - - M. 1st. V.
" Jed. H. Lindsay, - - - Secretary.
" Joseph A. Houston - - Treasurer.
" Joseph Sears, - - - - Tyler.

MEMBERS.

William Gott,
Robt. W. Denny,
J. W. Howlett,
J. D. Donnell,
John B. Hoskins,
Harrison J. Warren,
Ralph Gorrell,
Peter Thurston,
Orestus Smallwood,
John Hiatt,
A. S. Andrews,
Joseph A. Weatherly,
B. Craven,
James N. Willis,
William H. Reice,
N. M. Gardner,
Johannes Kuhl,
John C. Lamb,
John Eades,
Haley Brown,
Dempsey Brown,
S. W. McKnight,
Eli F. Watson,
John O. Hott,
J. P. Simpson,
E. O. Macy,
D. N. Sherwood,
John Kerr,
George G. Walker,
Albert T. Gorrell,
J. F. Howlett,
R. F. Armfield,
Wm. P. Wattington,
John A. Graves,
William Henderson,
Henry Schneider,
J. B. Gretter,
C. A. Colby,
A. P. Sperry,
John D. Donnell,
William A. Dunn,

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

John M. Dick, David Scott.

Exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, two; whole number, fifty-three; regular time of meeting.

JED. H. LINDSAY, *Secretary.*

CHEROKEE CHAPTER, No. 14—*HERTFORD.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. Jos. M. Cox, - - - - - H. P.
E. M. D. Hathaway, - - - K.
E. D. Barclift, - - - - - S.
Comp. M. O. Jordon, - - - - C. H.
" Jonathan W. Albertson, - P S.
" Francis Barrow, - - - - R. A. C.
" Wm. Felton, - - - - - M. 3d V.
" Dr. S. W. Streets, - - - M. 2d V.
" John L. Ferrell, - - - - M. 1st V.
" Edwin Brace, - - - - - Secretary.
" Benoni Morris, - - - - Treasurer.
" John G. Berry, - - - - Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Joseph G. Granbery,
Geo. H. Freer,
Wm. Small,
Samuel Sutton,
Darius White,
James R. Hoffler,
Evin Forbes,
John A. Doll,
Dr. R. C. Jenkins,
Dr. R. K. Speed,
Willis H. Bagley,
Josiah H. White,
Wm. Harrall,
Rev. Geo. F. Doggett,
Rev. Thos. H. Pritchard,
Nathan Newby,
John P. Thomas.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Francis Nixon Sr., Wm. Nixon.

Admitted, three; exalted, two; rejected, none; withdrawn, two; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, one; residents not members, two; whole number, twenty-nine; regular time of meeting, second Monday in each Month, except Court weeks, then on Tuesday.

EDWIN BRACE, *Secretary.*

UNION CHAPTER, No. 17—*DUPLIN.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	James W. Blount,	H. P.
E.	Joel Loftin,	K.
E.	Lewis F. Williams,	S.
Comp.	Daniel Bowden,	C. H.
"	Thos. Wright,	P. S.
"	Daniel K. Kornegay,	R. A. C.
"	Speight Hill,	M. 3d V.
"	David Watkins,	M. 2d V.
"	J. R. Hurst,	M. 1st V.
"	B. C. Bowden,	Secretary.
"	James G. Dickson,	Treasurer.
"	D. B. Newton,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

J. W. Blount,
D. Bowden,
J. G. Dickson,
D. Wright,
H. W. Faison,
J. Loftin,
C. D. Hill,
Thos. Wright,
B. C. Bowden,
H. F. Murphy,
D. B. Newton,
H. H. Hodges,
D. K. Kornegay,
T. O. Wilson,
D. Watkins,
L. F. Williams,
S. Hill,
T. B. Hill,
James Cannon,
W. J. Hill,
J. R. Hatch,
B. W. Williams,

A. R. Hicks,
E. Peterson,
L. W. Humphrey,
A. Guy,
J. R. Hurst,
J. W. Hinson,
W. H. Herring,
D. Cobb,
B. F. Cobb,
H. Grimes.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

F. B. Millard,
J. Moore,
L. R. Loftin,
W. F. Pollock,
S. Loftin,
Thos. I. Faison,
J. G. Branch.

Exalted, two; rejected, none; withdrawn, one; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, seven; whole number, thirty-two; regular time of meeting, second Thursday in each Month, except June 24th, and December 27th.

B. C. BOWDEN, *Secretary.*

KEY STONE CHAPTER No. 19.—*PLYMOUTH.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. Thomas B. Nichols, - - H. P.
E. Henry B. Short, - - - K.
E. John McC. Boyle, - - S.
Comp. Wm. Bagley, - - - - C. H.
" Henry A. Gilliam - - P. S.
" George W. Pierce, - - R. A. C.
" Edgar Hanks, - - - - M. 3d. V.
" John Simmons, - - - M. 2d. V.
" James Magee, - - - - M. 1st. V.
" Joseph Ramsey, - - - Secretary.
" Joseph A. Spruill, - - Treasurer.
" John Brown, - - - - Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Thomas E. Pender,
Enoch Jones,

Isaac Kelly,
Thomas P, White,
Warren W. Ward,
John F. Phelps,
F. F. Fagan,
Silas Murray,
Charles G. Phelps,
Edwin H. White,
Wm. W. Ward,
Wiley Whitaker,
D. E. Jordan.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Samuel T. Gaylord,
Benjamin J. Spruill,
Joseph E. Short,
T. W. Guthrie.

Admited, two; Exalted, two; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, four; whole number, twenty-nine; regular time of meeting, second Tuesday night in each Month.

J. RAMSEY, *Secretary.*

SALISBURY CHAPTER No. 20.—*SALISBURY.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. Dolphin A. Davis, - - - H. P.
E. Daniel Coleman, - - - - K.
E. James G. Ramsey, - - - S.
Comp. Julius D. Ramsey, - - - C. H.
" Alexander Murdock, - - P S.
" John M. Coffin, - - - - R. A. C.
" A. G. Folder, - - - - - M. 3d V.
" C. L. Partee, - - - - - M. 2d V.
" W. P. Burk, - - - - - M. 1st V.
" Rich'd W. Mills, - - - - Secretary.
" Joseph F. Chambers, - - Treasurer.
" Lewis Gumb, - - - - - Tyler.

MEMBERS.

L. Blackmer, P. H. P.,
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H. C. Simonton,
B. Bailey,
John J. Shaver,
G. W. Johnston,

A. M. Nesbitt,
Samuel Taylor,
J. W. Wiseman,
R. P. Bessent,
A. H. Caldwell, P. H. P.,
O. Woodson,
D. W. Honeycutt,
James A. Johnston,
T. J. Bryan,
John Kelly,
J. B. Jones,
H. H. Dent,
John H. McKinley,
G. A. Bingham,
A. M. Booe,
John A. Holt,
George Reiley,
D. B. Wood,
Hugh Murdock,
J. S. Caldcleugh,
Jas. A. Kelley,
John W. Ellis,
E. R. Gibson,
A. J. York,
William Murdock,
Thomas A. Burk,
Martin Richwine,
John O. Ross.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Myer Myers,
Abraham Myers,
J. M. Happoldt,
James C. Turner.

Admitted, none; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, four; whole number, forty-six; removed, 9; regular time of meeting, first Wednesday in each Month, and Wednesday of every Court.

R. W. MILLS, *Secretary.*

LINCOLN CHAPTER No. 22.—*LINCOLNTON.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. C. J. Hammarskold, - - - H. P.
E. J. H. Ramsour, - - - - - K.
E. J. A. Jetton, - - - - - - S.
Comp. R. F. Sloan, - - - - - - C. H.
" J. A. Caldwell, - - - - - P. S.
" J. T. Alexander, - - - - - R. A. C.
" Wm. Sloan - - - - - - M. 3d V.

Comp. B. F. Briggs, - - - - - M. 2d V.
" E. S. Barrett, - - - - - M. 1st V.
" Wm. S. Cobbitt, - - - - Secretary.
" Jno. F Aydolotte, - - - Treasurer.
" G. Mosteller, - - - - - Tyler.

MEMBERS.

S. M. Aydolotte,
Thos. W. Bradburn,
J. Q. Carpenter,
A. M. Gillespie,
J. M. Goodell,
A. J. Hause,
J. M. Hoppoldt,
Wm. Jenks,
S. J. Lowrie, M. M.,
Z. A. Moss,
A. Myers,
J. B. Smith,
A. J. Scoburg,
E. J. Meynardie.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

Rev. Samuel Lander,
Dr. Wm. Sloan,
B. F. Briggs,
A. W. Burton,
L. P. Henderson.
D. A. Jenkins.

Admitted none; exalted, one; rejected, none; withdrawn, two; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, six; whole number, twenty-six; regular time of meeting, Tuesday evening of Court weeks, in January, April, July and October.

R. F. Sloan, *Secretary, P. T.*

GERMANTON CHAPTER No. 24.—*GERMANTON.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. J. B. Kingsberry, - - - H. P.
E. A. L. Bitting, - - - - K.
E. W. S. Leak, - - - - S.
Comp. J. S. Gibson, - - - - C. H.
" R. G. Mays, - - - - P. S.
" E. B. King, - - - - R. A. C.
" W. P. Gibson, - - - - M. 3d. V.

Comp. W. W. Petree, - - - - M. 2d. V.
" D. R. Leak, - - - - M. 1st. V.
" J. E. Shumate, - - - Secretary.
" W. T. Gannaway, - - - Treasurer.
" W. C. Kingsberry, - - Tyler.

MEMBERS.

J. Atwood,
J. E. Bruce,
P. Felter,
S. C. Hill,
C. W. McAnally,
J. Stires,
H. Renigan,
R. H. Smith,
W. W. Long,
T. S. Martin,
B. L. Bitting,
J. F. Dance,
P. Hulchenson,
A. P. Gumback.
H. C. Wilson,
J. A. Bitting,
S. Ivey,
S. S. Bryant,
J. W. Hunter,
J. H. Bitting,
D. E. Fields,
H. Holder,
W. H. Gwin,
J. Shultz,
W. B. Richardson,
B. Jones,
T. Long,
V. Bohannon.

Admitted none; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, none; whole number, forty; regular time of meeting, third Saturday in every month.

J. E. SHUMATE, *Secretary.*

ASHEVILLE CHAPTER, No. 25.—*ASHEVILLE.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. J. Roberts, - - - - - H. P.
E. J. W. Patton, - - - - - K.
E. H. W. Cummings, - - - S.

Comp. R. B. Vance, - - - - - C. H.
" G. W. Whitson, - - - - P. S.
" G. T. Spears, - - - - - R. A. C.
" Z. B. Vance, - - - - - M. 3d. V.
" J. M. Blair, - - - - - M. 2d. V.
" J. B. Rankin, - - - - - M. 1st. V.
" M. M. Gaines, - - - - Sec'y and Treas.

MEMBERS.

G. W. Shackelford,
J. A. Patton,
Rev. John Reynolds,
J. D. Baldwin,
W. M. Kerr,
John Burgin,
T. J. Weaver,
Rev. Wm. Hicks,
C. Campbell,
Wm. Bryson,
J. A. Reagan,
J. L. Cransley,
R. W. Patty,
J. R. Osborne.

Total number of members 24.

J. B. RANKIN, *Secretary, P. T.*

LOUISBURG CHAPTER, No. 26.—*LOUISBURG.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. Rev. James Reid, - - - H. H.
" Jas. H. Yarborough, - - K.
" Jos. L. Davis, - - - - - S.
Comp. Dr. Ellis Malone, - - - C. H.
" Nathan B. Walker, - - - P. S.
" James J. Minetree, - - - R. A. C.
" W. H. Strother, Jr., - - - M. 3d V.
" A. C. Massenburg, - - - M. 2d V.
" E. L. Stegall, - - - - - M. 1st V.
" W. H. Furman, - - - - Secretary.
" Rich'd F. Yarborough, - Treasurer.
" Wm. F. Sykes, - - - - Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Jos. A. Whitaker, P. H. P.,
A. M. Noble,
N. F. Reid,
N. B. Massenburg,
P. H. Joyner,
W. Closs,
A. Thomas,
Gen. J. B. Littlejohn,
J. J. Harper,
Calvin Stone,
Washington Harris,
W. A. Stone,
John Chamblee,
John H. Brodie,
Calvin B. Walker,
W. B. Foster,
B. H. Sorsby,
D. W. Williams,
Thos. K. Thomas,
W. A. Moore,
John W. Williams,
Jonathan A. Stone,
John Neal.

RESIDENT NOT A MEMBER.

Rev. N. R. Barham.

Admitted, two; exalted, two; rejected, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; resident not a member, one; whole number, thirty-six; regular time of meeting, third Thursday in each Month.

W. H. FURMAN, *Secretary.*

GOLDSBORO' CHAPTER, No. 29—*GOLDSBORO'.*

OFFICERS.

M. E. E. W. Hines, - - - - - H. P.
E. J. J. Baker, - - - - - K.
E. W. Robinson, - - - - - S.
Comp. M. D. Craton, - - - - - C. H.
" W. F. Kornegay, - - - - P. S.
" R. S. Moore, - - - - - R. A. C.
" E. B. Wood, - - - - - M. 3d V.
" J. C. Borden, - - - - - M. 2d V.
" J. W. Davis, - - - - - M. 1st V.
" J. B. Griswold, - - - - Secretary.
" C. F. Dewey, - - - - - Treasurer.
" John G. Parker, - - - - Tyler.

MEMBERS.

John Wright,	John T. Kennedy,
J. H. Brent,	D. A. Powell,
T. T. Hallowell,	James McDuffee,
Wm. Carraway,	John C. Rhodes.

Exalted, none; rejected, one; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; whole number, twenty.

J. B. GRISWOLD, *Secretary.*

MOUNT VERNON CHAPTER, No. 30.—*NREFNVILLE.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Goold Hoyt,	H. P.
E.	Calvin Cox,	K.
E.	Wm. L. Cherry,	S.
Comp.	S. E. Milborn,	C. H.
"	Wm. T. Marsh,	P. S.
"	Guilford Cox,	R. A. C.
"	Jos. B. Barrett,	M. 3d. V.
"	Ashley Allen,	M. 2d V.
"	Montgomery Long,	M. 1st V.
"	James Murray,	Secretary.
"	Wm. R. Frizzle,	Treasurer.
"	Franklin Bell,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

Burton G. Albritton,	George L. Pritchard,
Thomas B. James,	J. D. Doughty,
Walter S. Hanrahan,	James Nelson,
William A. Pugh,	H. G. Barnhill.
Elias J. Blount,	

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

George W. Johnson,	Charles Green.

Admitted three; exalted, none; rejected, none; withdrawn, three; died, one; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, two; whole number, twenty-one; regular time of meeting, first Saturday in each month.

JAMES MURRAY, *Secretary.*

WADESBORO' CHAPTER, No. 31.—*WADESBORO'.*

OFFICERS.

M. E.	Rob't T. Hall,	H. P.
E. E.	F. Kendall,	K.
E.	John Boylin,	S.
Comp.	B. F. Smith,	C. H.
"	S. W. Neal, P. H. P.,	P. S.
"	W. S. Hendley,	R. A. C.
"	E. H. Streater,	M. 3d V.
"	John Ruscoe,	M. 2d. V.
"	John Conick,	M. 1st. V.
"	W. O. Bennett,	Secretary.
"	B. C. Hutchison,	Treasurer.
"	E. Hutchison,	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

James C. Caraway,
Eli Freeman,
Thos. Gulledge,
E. F. Lilly,
W. A. Liles,
Alex. Little,
A. C. Moore,
Albert Myers,
H. W. Robinson,
W. S. Richardson,
Jas. P. Richardson,
Rev. A. L. Stough,
Jos. P. Smith,
Jas. T. Streater,
E. H. Streater,
Thos. G. Sanders,
W. W. Smith,
T. A. Vestal,
Jos. White,
L. Woolen,
W. C. Watkins.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS.

M. S. McRae, Rev. S. H. Browne.

Admitted none; exalted, eleven; rejected, one; withdrawn, none; died, none; expelled, none; suspended, none; residents not members, two; whole number, thirty-three; regular time of meeting, first Monday in every Month, and Tuesday of each Court week.

W. O. BENNETT, *Secretary.*

Statistical Table prepared from Latest Reports of Grand Chapters.

G. CHAPTERS.	Date of last Report rec'd.	Address of Grand High Priests.	Address of Grand Secretaries.	No. of Chap's.	Memb's.	Exalt'd.	Rej'ted.	Died.	Sus'd.	Exp'ed.
Alabama,	Dec. 8, 1857	David Clopton, Tuskegee.	Daniel Sayre, Montgomery,	48						
Arkansas,	Oct. 29, 1857	E. H. English, Little Rock.	A. S. Huey, Little Rock.	16	482	122	6	9	1	1
California,	May 6, 1858	Thomas H. Caswell, Nevada.	G. I. N. Monell, Sacramento.	22	784	222	6	6	19	
Connecticut,	May 11, 1858	David Clark.	E. G. Storer, New Haven,	19	1259	107		18	2	4
Florida,	Jan. 11, 1858	Thos. Hayward, Tallahassee.	John B. Taylor, Tallahassee.	13	405					
Georgia,	April 28, 1858	Phillip T. Schley, Savannah.	Benj. B. Russell, Augusta.	45	1630	158	7	14	26	3
Illinois,	Oct. 2, 1857	James H. Hibbard, Alton.	H. G. Reynolds, Springfield.	38	1462	370	18	14	3	3
Indiana,	May 19, 1858	Dan'l K. Hays, Attica.	Francis King, Indianopolis.	40	1331	221	10	14	48	3
Iowa,	May 30, 1857	J. R. Hartsock, Iowa City.	T. S. Parvin, Muscatine.	18	527	133		4		1
Kentucky,	Oct. 12, 1857	Wm. H. Forsythe, Leesburg.	Philip Swigert, Frankfort.	47	1656			30	8	3
Louisiana,	Feb. 9, 1858	R. F. McGuire, Monroe.	Sam'l G. Risk. New Orleans.	18	677	92		18	7	3
Maine,	May 3, 1858	Joseph C. Stevens, Bangor.	Ira Berry, Portland.	10	550	59	1	2		
Maryl'd & D. C.	Nov. 9, 1857	E. S. Courtney, Baltimore.	Joseph Robinson, Baltimore.	7	265		1	4	6	
Massachusetts,	June 10, 1856	Daniel Harwood, Boston.	Thomas Waterman, Boston.	17	904	253				
Michigan,	Jan. 11, 1858	S. C. Coffinbury, Constantine.	Reuben S. Cheney, Jackson.	19	896	164	14	3	6	2
Mississippi,	Jan. 11, 1858	Amos R. Johnson, Raymond.	R. W. T. Daniel, Jackson.	51	1833	226		26	27	3
Missouri,	May 19, 1858	Marcus Boyd, Springfield.	A. O'Sullivan, St. Louis.	24	760	94		7	9	1
N. Hampshire,	June 9, 1856	T. B. Abbott, Manchester.	Horace Chase, Hopkinton.	5	276	28				
New Jersey,	Sept. 9, 1857	W. H. Doggett, Jersey City.	Frank Corlies, Eaton Town.	4	111	28	2	1		
New York,	Feb. 3, 1857	Peter P. Murphy, Royalton.	John O. Cole, Albany.	79	2954	602				
North Carolina,	June 7, 1858	Peter Custis, Newbern.	Thomas B. Carr, Wilmington.	28	879	31	3	5	1	2
Ohio,	Oct. 16, 1857	George Rex, Wooster.	John D. Caldwell, Cincinnati.	67	2582	382		28	1	12
Pennsylvania,			Wm. H. Adams, Philadelphia.							
Rhode Island,		Samuel Lewis, Providence.	Wm. C. Baker, Providence,							
South Carolina,	Feb. 9, 1858	A. G. Mackey, Charleston.	Ebenezer Thayer, Charleston.	14	358					
Tennessee,	Oct. 13, 1856	Solomon W. Cochran, Troy.	Charles A. Fuller, Nashville.	32	1300					
Texas,	June 22, 1857	J. F. Taylor, Marshall.	James M. Hall, Crockett.	49	1855	251	18	26	31	1
Vermont,	Aug. 13, 1857	Philip C. Tucker, Vergennes,	J. B. Hollenbeck, Burlington.	11	498	55	4			1
Virginia,	Dec. 17, 1857	L. B. Williams, Orange C. H.	John Dove, Richmond.	26	995		2	13		1
Wisconsin,	Feb. 3, 1858	Henry L. Palmer, Milwaukie.	John Warren Hunt, Madison	17	526	77			6	4
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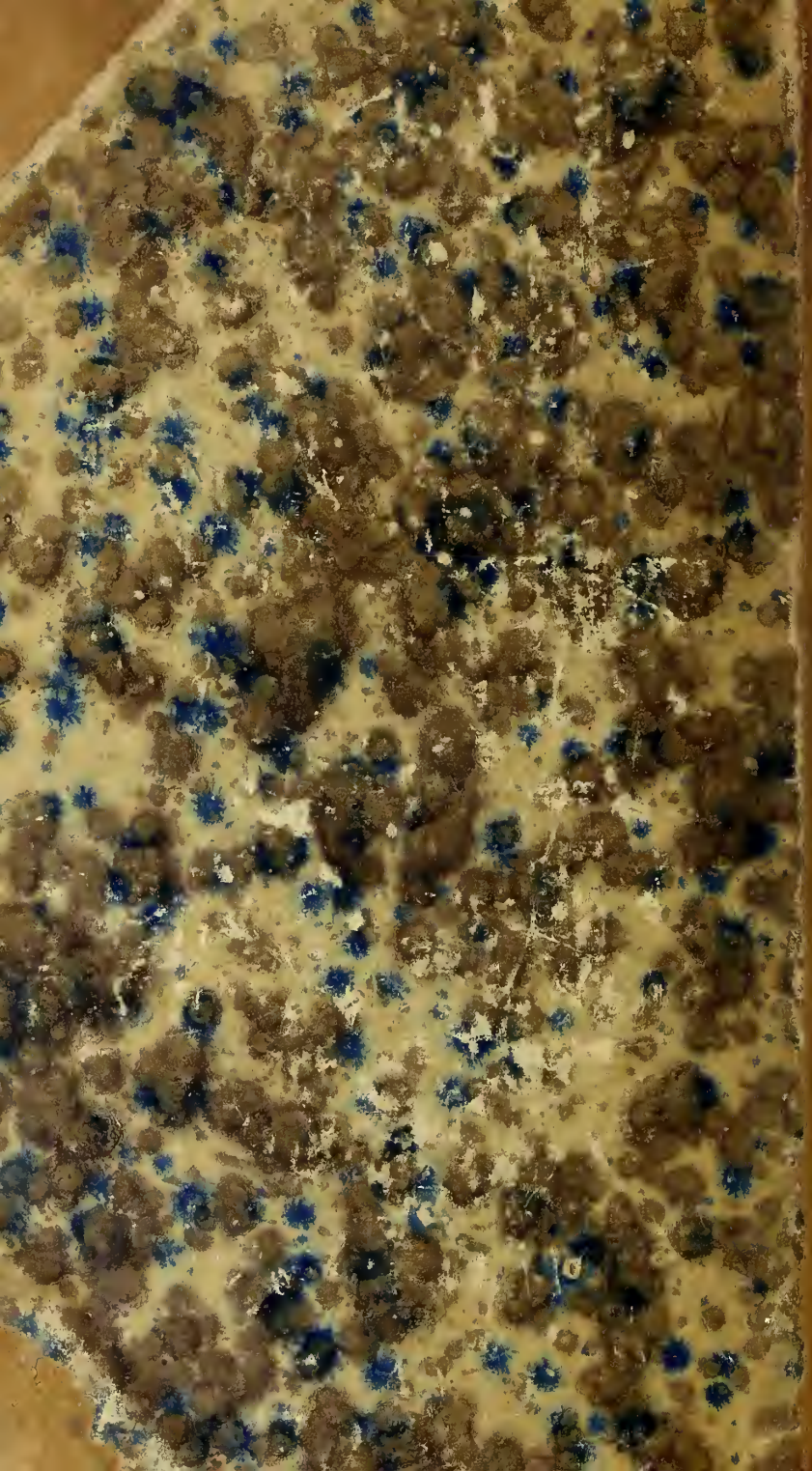
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